

Van Tech PAC Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2025
In person in the library and online via Google Meet

PAC Executive: Lindsie Tomlinson (Chair), Arvind Ghataurah (Co-Chair), Julie Cole (Treasurer), Pam Dean (Secretary), Kelly Hamilton (Communications/CPF rep)

PAC Members: Van Tech Parents/Caregivers & family members

Van Tech Staff: Robert Moro (Principal)

Guests: Alexandra Wilson (BGC BC Parent Programs); Jelana Bighorn (teacher; mural project coordinator)

Meeting start 7:01pm

1. Welcome and introduction by Lindsie Tomlinson, PAC chair

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwataʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

2. Accept February minutes (Lindsie Tomlinson)

Motioned by Julie, seconded by Arvind. Accepted.

3. Information on the BGC Parents Together support group services (Alexandra Wilson)

- They have a support group for parents/caregivers who are struggling with parenting their teens. Learn strategies for how to get a handle on adolescent counter-will; how to build a collaborative relationship with your teens; move from being a boss to being a guide/mentor
- Support groups are conversational
- Alexandra can also come into the school and do a 2 hour workshop for parents
- Everyone liked the idea of holding a workshop, mainly targeting the Grade 8 parents. Could announce a date for a workshop at the Grade 8 orientation. Ask for people to RSVP to get an idea of numbers and size of room to host it in. Probably plan for September/October.
- Poster with more information attached

4. Principal's report (Robert Moro)

- Supports available following the tragedy at the Lapu Lapu festival this past weekend; there is an area in the counselling suite for students to come and receive support

- Our school has been chosen to write the PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment). 45 Grade 10 students randomly selected to take the test. Letters will be sent to selected students next week.
- The School Learning Plan is coming together and should be ready for parents to have a look at the next PAC meeting in May
- “Ceremony statements” for grade 12 graduating students (statement to be read out when they cross the stage) need to be submitted by May 9. Very few received so far.
- No changes to student fees for next year
- Red Dress Day May 5; beading workshop
- Asian Heritage month in May; activities during FIT, movie night
- May 15: Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age, 3rd installment movie showing at 7pm in the Auditorium along with discussion of mental health impacts of the digital world. All incoming students (current gr 7) also invited.
- Indigenous Focus Day was yesterday. Teachers learned more about what can be done in classrooms and how to support students
- May 8 earthquake drill with evacuation and student release exercise
- May 16 is a Pro-D day. Teachers will do workshops around Artificial Intelligence.

5. Mural update (Jelana Bighorn)

- Draft has been shared and will be posted to the school website and attached here
- Students expressed that they want to feel welcomed when they come into the school (something joyous and celebratory) and also feeling of purpose and place as they leave
- Engaging in the process of getting feedback (the more feedback the better); don’t want to rush it and want to give time to provide everyone’s thoughts
- Specifically looking for any concerns about inclusivity/representation
- Bulletin will be sent to parents
- Contact: jbigorn@vsb.bc.ca

6. DPAC update

No DPAC reps in attendance

7. Treasurer’s report (Julie Cole); full report attached

- Another \$4200 has been dispersed since the last meeting (gaming grant funds that were previously approved).
- We have just over \$2173.78 in gaming grant funds (non-allocated). Also have \$1678.06 in our general account (with the \$870 recently fundraised)

8. Vote on funding allocation – fundraising money

- Gaming grant no longer supports bursaries. In the past the PAC supported 2 x \$500 bursaries to graduating students for post-secondary education
- We raised \$870 from the Donald's Market fundraiser
- This, along with some funds from the PAC general account could be used to provide \$1000 for bursaries
- Motioned by Lindsie for these funds to go towards 2 bursaries; seconded by Julie. Vote by others in attendance was all in favour.
- Going forward for next year, set up shopping bag fund at Donald's (10 cents from every reusable bag people bring in goes to a fundraiser; different school each month and we have been slotted in for either Oct or Nov next year). Usually brings in around \$1000.
- Scholarship committee chooses the recipients of the bursaries.

9. Wrap up and adjournment

Meeting adjourned 7:39pm

Next meeting: May 27 at 7pm in the library and online

ARE YOU **UNSURE** OF HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR YOUTH?

**Parenting a teen is complex, and there are no easy answers.
Parent and Caregiver support can help.**

Groups are offered in English in Vancouver, Burnaby and Delta, and Vietnamese in Vancouver:

PARENTS TOGETHER

An ongoing support & education group for parent and caregivers of youth ages 13 – 24.

My relationship with my children is better. We are closer and happier. I love this group!

PARENTS IN THE KNOW

12-week education program for parents and caregivers of youth ages 13 – 24. Offered three times a year.

I don't think I could have coped without this group.

PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS OF YOUTH

BGC South Coast BC Parenting Programs are professionally facilitated, education and support programs for parents of youth up to age 24. Parents come to the group with a wide range of concerns:

- Youth mental health
- Substance use
- Lack of motivation
- Abusive or aggressive actions
- Defiant/rebellious attitude



WHAT ARE MEETINGS LIKE

Many parents who reach out for support feel guilty, blamed by others, isolated, and unsure about what to do. BGC parenting programs can help parents address these feelings in a confidential, non judgmental, group setting.

Group meetings include:

- Education on relevant parenting issues
- Group work on common concerns
- Connection with other parents



Van Tech PAC Financial Statements

2024 - 2025 School Year

April 29, 2025 PAC Meeting

Van Tech PAC Gaming Account

Account Balance at August 1, 2024	19,161.33
2024 - 2025 BC Gaming Grant - Received November 2024	<u>32,060.00</u>
Total Gaming Funds Available for 2024 - 2025 School Year	51,221.33

Gaming Account Disbursements

August 2024	-
September 2024	-
October 2024	-
November 2024	4,384.25
December 2024	-
January 2025	8,465.01
February 2025	-
March 2025	
April 2025	4,229.32
May 2025	
June 2025	
July 2025	
Total Gaming Account Disbursements	<u>17,078.58</u>

Van Tech Gaming Account Balance at April 29, 2025	<u>34,142.75</u>
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Gaming Funds Approved (but not Disbursed) for 2024 - 2025 School Year

August 2024	
September 2024	
October 2024 (\$24,104.31)	13,147.01
November 2024	
December 2024	
January 2025	
February 2025 (\$20,558.99)	18,821.96
March 2025	
Total Gaming Funds Approved (but not Disbursed) for 2024 - 2025 School Year	<u>31,968.97</u>

Total Gaming Funds Available	<u>2,173.78</u>
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Van Tech PAC General Account

Account Balance at August 1, 2024	855.96
General Account Disbursements	
August 2024	-
September 2024	-
October 2024	-
November 2024	-
December 2024	-
January 2025	47.90
February 2025	-
March 2025	
April 2025	(870.00)
Total General Account Disbursements for 2024 - 2025	<u>(822.10)</u>

Van Tech PAC General Account Balance at April 29, 2025	<u>1,678.06</u>
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Total PAC Funds Available for Disbursement at April 29, 2025	<u><u>3,851.84</u></u>
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CONCEPT DECK

*Vancouver Technical
Secondary School Mural*

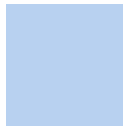
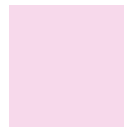
Draft Version: April 28, 2025



COLOUR * PALETTE

This colour palette is playful, yet calming to offer a bright visual when students, staff and community enter the building.

It reflects modern and contemporary shades, while centering the school's green.



CONCEPT SKETCH

The mural design features a diverse group of people gathering, learning, being in motion, and resting amongst large-scale florals and fauna imagery. The presence of the large flower stems and bushes connects the people in the imagery, evoking the feeling of community and creating a safe environment together.

Please note the mockup and screen colours may differ slightly from the painted physical mural.



MOCK UP
Left Wall



CONCEPT DECK

PAIGE JUNG ILLUSTRATION

2025

MOCK UP
Center Wall



CONCEPT DECK

PAIGE JUNG ILLUSTRATION

2025

MOCK UP
Right Wall



PROJECT TIMELINE



APR 28

C.O NCEPT M U R A L
D.U E

MAY 5

I N I T I A L
F E E D B A C K
D U E

MAY 13

S E C O N D
D R A F T D U E

JUN 2

F I N A L
F E E D B A C K
D U E

JUN 6

F I N A L
D U E