

Van Tech PAC Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2025
In person in the library and online via Google Meet

In attendance:

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

PAC Members: Van Tech Parents/Caregivers & family members

Van Tech Staff: Roberto Moro (Principal)

Guests: Janet Thompson (Vice Principal)

Meeting start 7:04pm

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 April minutes (Lindsie Tomlinson)

Motioned by Julie, seconded by Kelly. Accepted

3. School Learning Plan Discussion (Janet Thompson)

- Vancouver School District has a school learning plan for the 2024/2025 school year
- All school plans have to align with the District learning plan can be found here <https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/2024-vantech-slp.42502376084>
- There are 7 parts to the plan
 - Plans for this year are built upon data collected from Senior Student Surveys (Grade 10-12) in September and all students in late May. There was a student forum held in December
 - There was more information collected this year than previous years
 - Focusing on Goals 1-3
 - Goal 1 - Belonging amongst students and staff, have positive and sustainable practices
 - Action 1 - Some teachers stood at the door and greeted students as they entered. For those teachers who participated, it worked well
 - Action 2 - To increase staff sense of belonging. Principal bought the teachers coffee from student in the Summit

Program which helps fundraising while appreciating the staff. Vantech intends on having multiple staff appreciation events throughout the year. The PAC can fundraise and support the school initiative. It was suggested that the PAC could buy muffins from the cafeteria to appreciate the staff, and in turn give back funds to the school. Coffee for Staff could be on June 20th or 27th, with PAC paying for muffins purchased in house

- Action 3 - To have the individual grade representative encourage other students to participate in the forum. Core competence assessment is not appreciated by the students so the teachers are imbedding language in line with the classroom so students get use to the language
- Goal 2 – Equity, to increase the representation of equity seeking groups (i.e., BIPOC, 2SLGBTQ+, people with disability)
 - Action 1 - To have staff and students create an Indigenous focused display for the foyer area. There is an Indigenous teacher who can support such initiatives
 - Action 2 - To increase representation of these groups by content and materials. The school participated in Equity scan conducted by Mika Taiji Socials teacher and French Immersion teacher Marie-Christine Michel. The library bought books from a book store in Montreal by Asian authors. Next year, the Vancouver School Board will do another Equity scan
 - Action 3 - School announcements are by staff and students. At the moment, it is Asian heritage month and music is played from different artists/cultures each day
- Goal 3 - Reconciliation to increase knowledge
 - Action 1 - Increase the number of staff using First People's Principles of Learning (FPPL) when planning for student learning. Imbedding into the curriculum but want it to be more authentic. Staff meets to share what they are doing in the classroom and will continue next year
 - Action 2 - Increase student involvement. Organizing an Indigenous celebration in June
 - June 21st is National Indigenous Day
 - During FIT time next week, students will watch films by Indigenous or will do other Indigenous focused activities such as math games, beading and weaving

- Being mindful if students are comfortable participating or not
- There are 90-100 Indigenous students and most of them are grade 8-9
- It was mentioned that parents at the beginning of the school year showed interest in starting a parent circle, but this did not go through
- On May 29th, there is a planned social event for Indigenous families in the cafeteria
- It was proposed that in September of 2025 PAC meeting to have a presentation from the Indigenous staff team to get involvement from parents

4. Principal's report (Roberto Moro)

- Janet Thompson presented more information on the Mural
 - Jalana said that parents, students, staff responded with 5 big ideas from the Survey sent out, that they wanted included in the Mural
 - Have the figures interacting with others
 - Including more school related items
 - Pride flag and trans flag
 - French Immersion, Summit and Flex
 - Local Plants
- Upcoming fields trip
 - Jericho
 - French Immersion going to aquarium
 - Arts umbrella
- Canadian blood service will be at the school
- June 13th - Grade 12 dinner and dance at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, \$135 is final cost, \$100 deposit already collected
- June 9th - Athletic banquet
- June 18th - Graduation Ceremony at the Orpheum Theatre. Extra tickets are available on school cash. Students initially received three (3) tickets each and now can buy more
- June 24th and 26th - Technival event includes trivia, passport to enter for prizes, mahjong, Arabic calligraphy, henna body art

5. DPAC update

No DPAC reps in attendance

6. Treasurer's report (Julie Cole)

- Paid out \$5,737.84 from Gaming Grant
- \$26,231.13 approved, but not paid out from Gaming Grant
- \$2,173.78 Gaming Grant funds available
- PAC General account has \$1,619.24, of which \$1,000 is allocated towards scholarships

7. PAC meeting dates for 2025/2026 school year alternating with Tuesdays and Wednesdays

- September 24th AGM
- October 21st
- November 18th
- January 21st
- February 24th
- April 22nd
- May 26th (last meeting)

8. Vote on funding allocation

- Initial request for gaming grant funds needed at the start of September 2025 will be approved.
Life Skills Program – Motioned by Lindsie for \$950, seconded by Julie.
Accepted
Defer the rest
- Julie motioned to spend \$600 on muffins for teacher appreciation, seconded by Lindsie. Accepted
- Put a call out for fundraising next school year for scholarship and teacher appreciation

9. Parent safety concern

- A concern was brought forward by a parent at the school
- On Penticton street, south of Broadway, parents are stopping in the middle of the road to drop off their children who are running across the busy street. Due to construction and overgrown city of Vancouver trees, the parking lanes are impeded. J Thompson and K Hamilton will submit online requests for tree trimming on the east side boulevard. This will improve northbound parking and flow. To reduce the chance of an incident for the southbound traffic on Penticton, a mention will be added to the school bulletin and announcements will be made to remind parents and students
- It is suggested that parents make complaints on the city of Vancouver's app with pictures (if possible) to get a better response from the city

10. Wrap up and adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 pm
- Next Meeting: September 24, 2025

Van Tech PAC Financial Statements

2024 - 2025 School Year

May 27, 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	<u>5,737.84</u>
Total Gaming Account Disbursements	22,816.42

Van Tech Gaming Account Balance at May 27, 2025	<u>28,404.91</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)	9,172.25
November 2024	
December 2024	
January 2025	
February 2025 (\$20,558.99)	17,058.88
March 2025	
April 2025	
May 2025	
Total Gaming Funds Approved (but not Disbursed) for 2024 - 2025 School Year	<u>26,231.13</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	(869.10)
May 2025	<u>57.92</u>
Total General Account Disbursements for 2024 - 2025	(763.28)

Van Tech PAC General Account Balance at May 27, 2025	<u>1,619.24</u>
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Total PAC Funds Available for Disbursement at May 27, 2025	<u><u>3,793.02</u></u>
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