

Van Tech PAC Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 21, 2025
In person in the library and online via Google Meet

In attendance:

PAC Executives: Lindsie Tomlinson (Chair), Kelly Hamilton (Vice-Chair), Julie Cole (Treasurer), Pam Dean (Secretary)

PAC Members: Van Tech Parents/Caregivers & family members, in person and online

Van Tech Staff: Roberto Moro (Principal); Nick van Iersel (Gr 12 counsellor)

Meeting start 7:00pm

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 xʷməθkʷəṽəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & salilwatał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

2. Accept minutes from last meeting, Sept 2025

Motioned by Kelly, seconded by Julie. Accepted.

3. Nick van Iersel (Mr Van), school counsellor

Mr Van provided info on the Holiday Hampers that Van Tech provides to student families in significant financial need. This will be the tenth year they have done this. About 148 families receive the donations (box of food plus Superstore gift cards). Relies mostly on donations from school families. Community partners contribute as well. There will be an opportunity to donate at the caregiver-teacher conferences. Kids can donate in class by bringing in food items at the beginning of December. There will be other opportunities to donate through an online system (QR code). Tax refund receipts given for any online cash donations.

4. Principal's Report – Roberto Moro

- Teacher candidates (student teachers here for their practicums) from UBC arrived today, from SFU already here.
- After school homework club (run by Frog Hollow) starting this week on Wednesdays (starting Oct 22). Takes place in the Base Space (off from the cafeteria). Snacks there as well. Begins shortly after school (by 3:30pm)
- Summit Gr 10 gift card fundraiser for their Flying U trip. Buy gift cards and a percentage goes back to the program
- Oct 29: photo retakes (if missed photos in Sept or if need retakes)
- Nov 4: Provincial literacy graduation assessments for Gr 12s (English)
- Nov 6: Caregiver-Teacher conferences. Software opens up tomorrow to book a time to meet a teacher.
- Filming happening (Air Bud), using the school gym; funds go to VSB but the school gets some
- Nov 21: Midterm Learning Updates (report cards); students will complete their reflections on Nov 13 and will be part of the learning update

5. Financial update – Julie Cole

- Received \$32,060 in gaming grant funds for this year (funding based on number of enrolled students)

- Along with leftover amounts from last year, we have a total to spend this year of \$34,897.86
- Therefore, we should plan to allocate ~\$17,000 this semester to leave another \$17,000 for next semester
- Full financial report amended to the end of the minutes

6. Funding Allocation

Over \$40,000 requested so we need to make a lot of cuts to get down to ~\$17,000

For full details of teacher requests, see spreadsheet document also posted on the PAC website:

[Semester1 Teacher Funding Requests.xlsx](#)

Requests where we can give only half now and they can request more next semester, as the money was not required right away:

- Indigenous dept (wool for weaving) request of \$1000: approve \$500
- Math contest request of \$1200: approve \$600
- Indigenous dept coffee mornings request of \$2500: approve \$1250

Ineligible requests as per gaming guidelines:

- Library carts (not an extracurricular expense)
- Gift cards
- Subsidies (cannot subsidize expenses for families in need; Affordability Fund can be used for this although we understand there are less funds now available through that)

Decisions made on not to fund:

- T-shirts or hoodies. This is something we have funded in the past but due to overwhelming requests this year, we decided not to fund as these are items that go directly to particular students that they keep, rather than items like jerseys that get passed on year-to-year.
- Rugby crash pad. We funded two crash pads last year so decided to not fund another one this year.
- Curling costs are very high, especially when considering cost per student that benefits. Decided to only fund half of the amount requested.
- Cross country provincials request was also very high cost per student. Actual costs were largely unknown and number of students attending unknown. As such, decided to fund up to \$100 per student, up to a maximum of \$2000.

Other points of discussion:

- Question about athletics costs and why they are not covered by VSB? Because they are outside of school hours (extracurricular; optional)
- We should communicate to the groups that asked for hoodies or t-shirts our reasoning behind not funding them this year. We don't want to exclude them and could perhaps support in another way next semester.
- A lot spent on athletics but things like jerseys are a longer term investment. Maybe need to coordinate better in the future to stagger when jerseys need renewing so they don't all come at the same time.
- Decided to decrease amount approved from most requests by some amount (except for the smaller requests with very particular/known amounts)
- Unable to get down to \$17,000 but decided that was okay as semester 2 requests are usually lower
- Approved funding for a total of \$22,067.84

Summary of funding decisions:

Requested	Approved	Department, nature of request	Comments
\$ 750.00	\$ 575.00	Connections Group, games and food for meetings	
\$ 800.00	\$ -	Here4Peers, tshirts	PAC decision not to fund hoodies/t-shirts
\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	Indigenous Ed Dept, wool for weaving	Please resubmit in February for additional amounts.
\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	E-sports club, hosting inter-district competitions	Cannot fund gift card purchases
\$ 591.84	\$ 591.84	Athletics, pool rental	
\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	Athletics, pep rally	PAC decision not to fund hoodies/t-shirts
\$ 4,800.00	\$ 3,600.00	Athletics, basketball 30 new uniform sets	
\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,250.00	Indigenous Dept, All Nations room coffee mornings	Please resubmit in February for additional amounts.
\$ 4,767.40	\$ 2,380.00	Athletics, curling ice rental	
\$ 1,200.00	\$ 600.00	Math contests	Please resubmit in February for additional amounts.
\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,150.00	Athletics, rugby crash pad, uniform sets for the girls team	We'll not fund the crash pad; amount for uniforms only
\$ 500.00	\$ 450.00	Building a Safe Environment - supplies, games	
\$ 350.00	\$ 300.00	Library, food for event	
\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,080.00	Library, books for book club	
\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	Library, book carts	Ineligible expense as per gaming grant guidelines
\$ 750.00	\$ 560.00	Leadership Volunteers, food for volunteers	
\$ 450.00	\$ 425.00	Year book, lighting	
\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	Music Dept, hoodies	PAC decision not to fund hoodies/t-shirts
\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	Music Dept, weekend festival in Whistler	
\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	X-Block, hoodies	Is there another way we can support your club besides hoodies?
\$ 156.00	\$ 156.00	Learning Assistance Club, trip to MOA	
\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	Athletics, cross country provincials	PAC has agreed to cover \$100 per participant to a maximum of \$2000
\$ 500.00	\$ 450.00	Newcomers Club, purchase games	
\$ 40,465.24	\$ 22,067.84		

7. Closing Remarks

To get in touch with the PAC, email questions, comments, and suggestions to chairvt@gmail.com

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/vantechfamilies>

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm

Van Tech PAC Financial Statements

2025 - 2026 School Year

October 21, 2025 PAC Meeting

Van Tech PAC Gaming Account

Account Balance at August 1, 2025	14,287.86
2025 - 2026 BC Gaming Grant - Received October 2026	32,060.00
Total Gaming Funds Available for 2025 - 2026 School Year	46,347.86

Gaming Account Disbursements

August 2025	-
September 2025	-
October 2025	4,227.48
Total Gaming Account Disbursements	4,227.48

Van Tech Gaming Account Balance at October 21, 2025	42,120.38
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Gaming Funds Approved (but not Disbursed) for 2025 - 2026 School Year

Approvals from 2024 - 2025 not yet paid (\$11,450.00)	7,222.52
October 2025	
February 2026	
Total Gaming Funds Approved (but not Disbursed) for 2025 - 2026 School Year	7,222.52

Total Gaming Funds Available	34,897.86
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Van Tech PAC General Account

Account Balance at August 1, 2025	396.64
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General Account Disbursements

August 2025	-
September 2025	-
October 2025	-
Total General Account Disbursements for 2025 - 2026	-

Van Tech PAC General Account Balance at October 21, 2025	396.64
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Total PAC Funds Available for Disbursement at October 21, 2025	35,294.50
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