

Van Tech PAC Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 24, 2026
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); Leanne Hagglund (Van Tech teacher rep)

Meeting start 7:05pm

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) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

2. Accept minutes from last meeting, Jan 2026

Motioned by Kelly, seconded by Julie. Accepted.

3. Principal's Report – Roberto Moro

- Jr Boys basketball team won the VSSAA championship
- Girls hockey is in city championships
- Outdoor Ed class at Mt Seymour
- Ski club has started trips to Whistler
- Black History Month; many announcements to raise awareness; student-led assembly yesterday (drumming and dance)
- Tomorrow is Pink Shirt Day
- This Thursday Gr 8/9 Theatre presentation. First in part of a series centred around career ed.
- Marks due Mar 3 for interm reports
- Learning updates published Mar 6 (families can access on MyEd)
- Ministry student survey Mar 5 – info used to set goals for the school, plays a role in the school learning plan
- Student Forum Mar 10 – ask students questions about the school, ask for input
- **Question re. Fresh Roots** – operations are winding down due to lack of funding support to keep going; looking for another supporter to take on the program (talked to VSB, etc); hoping that someone will step up to keep it going

4. Teacher representative update – Leanne Hagglund (school counsellor)

- Thursday evening this week, there will be a screening of the documentary 'Screenagers' trilogy; 2nd in the series, which focuses on mental health in the digital age
 - Dr Susanne Simpson will be a panelist at a Q&A following the documentary
 - Invited other schools and the feeder elementary schools as well
 - No need to feel you can't come if you haven't RSVP'd
 - We can post on the school Facebook page

5. Financial update – Julie Cole

- Donald's fundraiser brought in \$2100 plus a few donations from alumni for a total of \$2400
- Gaming grant money: \$14,877.86 for funding allocations

6. Funding Allocation

Total ask of \$31,718.18 (see full table at the end of the Minutes)

Can only approve 14,877.86 in funding

Remove those funds we can't approve (not allowed under gaming grant guidelines):

- Music tour subsidies (cannot provide subsidies)
- Grade 12 guest speakers (cannot fund gift cards)
- Counselling Celebration of Champions (cannot fund gift cards)
- Tech leading cards (cannot fund gift cards)
- Curling championship subsidy for hotel costs (cannot provide subsidies)

Also remove lunar new year celebration as this has already occurred

Rob said he can find funding for:

- Counselling Celebration of Champions
- Trivia Club registration fees for provincial qualifier
- LAC requests (transportation and playland field trip)
- ELL department shared food experience
- Indigenous Ed Dept coffee mornings
- E-sports club
- Robotics club
- School dance for Grade 8/9

After removing all of the above, leaves: \$16,993.18 in requests. Need to get this down to \$14,877.86.

Made the following funding decisions:

Department	Details	Amount of Request	Funded
Music (Choir)	Uniforms - Bow Ties	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Counselling/LRP	LRP Trip	\$ 1,568.18	\$ 1,568.18
Athletics	Girls Hockey Ice Rentals	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Athletics	Boys Hockey Ice Rentals and Fees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Athletics	Golf	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 250.00
Athletics	Girls Rugby Awards / Hit Shields	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Athletics	Athletic Banquet	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Library	Books and volunteer lunch	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,230.00
Indigenous Ed. Dept	Carving paddles; transport costs	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 2,025.00
Indigenous Ed. Dept.	Mural for All Nations Room	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
		\$ 16,993.18	\$ 14,873.18

\$14877.86

Available

Balance:

(2,115.32)

\$

4.68

7. PAC Constitution and Bylaws

Vote on the amendments made to our PAC Constitution and Bylaws (using the template provided by the DPAC).

- Proposed amendments were presented at our last PAC meeting, Jan 21, 2026.
- The proposed document was posted on the PAC page of the Van Tech Secondary website and sent by email to all school families 30 days prior to this meeting.
- The PAC email address was provided for comments/feedback
- We did not receive any emails regarding the proposed changes to the document
- No further questions/comments from those in attendance

Motion to approve the new bylaws put forth by Kelly. All caregivers in attendance (in person and online) voted to approve.

Motion passed. Amended and approved document to be posted on the PAC website and sent to the district for filing.

8. Update on washrooms from last meeting?

Issues were brought to janitorial staff; putting in requests to fix what needs repairing, replacing, etc.

Exploring getting an all-gender changeroom

Will get student input through the Student Forum to get more thoughts from the students on this issue.

9. Closing Remarks

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

There is a Van Tech family Facebook group:

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

This group was just started last year and we are hoping it will start to get used more

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Full table of funding requests, Semester 2 of the 2025/26 school year:

Department & Subject OR Program area	Name of Item/Equipment/Project/Field trip	Amount of request	Amount Approved by PAC	PAC Comments
Music (Choir)	Uniforms - Bow Ties	300.00	300.00	
Music	Subsidies for Junior Music Tour	2,500.00	-	Gaming funds may not be used for subsidies
Grade 12s	Gift cards for guest speakers	300.00	-	Gaming funds may not be used for gift cards
Lunar New Year Festivities	Decorations & New Year celebratory candies	350.00	-	PAC is unable to fund as the event has already occurred
Counselling/LRP	LRP Trip to Whistler Dog Sanctuary	1,568.18	1,568.18	
Counselling	Celebration of Champions	1,200.00	-	To be covered by VTSS
Trivia Club	Qualifier	90.00	-	To be covered by VTSS
Trivia Club	Consensus Provincial Qualifier	100.00	-	To be covered by VTSS
Athletics	Girls Hockey Ice Rentals	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Athletics	Boys Hockey	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Athletics	Curling Provincial Championships	2,810.00	-	PAC is unable to fund as the event has already occurred
Athletics	Shields	1,000.00	500.00	
Athletics	Athletic Banquet	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Athletics	Golf Team	1,000.00	250.00	
Library	\$350 for library student volunteers. Remainder for books (book club and for individual student requests)	2,100.00	1,230.00	Max \$350 for celebration; remainder to be used for books
LAC	Field Trip Transportation	240.00	-	To be covered by VTSS
LAC Program	Playland end of year field trip	635.00	-	To be covered by VTSS
Tech Leadership Cards	3 x \$10 gift cards for students to win each month in the TLC draw	150.00	-	To be covered by VTSS
ELL Department	Shared food experiences	600.00	-	To be covered by VTSS
Indigenous Ed. Dept. (All Nations Room)	Indigenous Family Coffee Mornings/ Mural for All Nations Room	4,500.00	3,000.00	PAC will cover \$3,000 for mural; \$1,500 for coffee mornings to be covered by VTSS
Indigenous Education Projects - Carving Paddles; Beading and Weaving Grad Caps; Museum of Anthropology Visits	Yellow/Red Cedar Carving Paddles; Museum Visits (Bus Fair);	2,025.00	2,025.00	
E-Sports Club	Gaming Console - Hardware	1,000.00	-	To be covered by VTSS
Robotics Club	VEX V5 Competition Pieces	1,500.00	-	To be covered by VTSS
Counselling, School Dance for Grade 8s and 9s	School Dance for 8s and 9s	1,750.00	-	To be covered by VTSS
		31,718.18	14,873.18	