

**Van Tech PAC Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday April 22, 2026**  
**In person in the library and online via Google Meet**

In attendance:

PAC Executives: 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 (teacher rep; online)

Meeting start 7:02pm

**1. Welcome and introduction by Kelly Hamilton, PAC vice chair**

*With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).*

**2. Accept minutes from last meeting, Feb 2026**

Motioned by Julie, seconded by Pam. Accepted.

**3. Principal's Report – Roberto Moro**

- Indigenous Focus Day this past Monday. This is a day where teachers come together to learn about Indigenous ways of thinking and learning. Van Tech hosted teachers from other schools for workshops with guest speakers, 500 teachers total were at our school.
- Music tour went to Whistler today
- Ceramics teacher has organized a collaboration with Laura Secord where the students from both schools will work on a project together
- Numeracy 10 assessments yesterday; requirement for all Grade 10s
- Summer school registration opens May 7; classes fill up very, very quickly
- Grade 12s:
  - If they want a message to be read out when they cross the stage at graduation, it needs to be submitted by May 8
  - Valedictorian preview speeches yesterday; students vote based on the preview speeches; teachers choose from top 3 student picks; announced May 1
  - Transcript verification needs to be looked at with counsellor (Mr Van) to make sure enough credits have been obtained for graduation
  - Scholarship opportunities posted by Mr Van in the Grade 12 Teams channel
- Mid-semester report cards will be posted May 1
- Parent/Caregiver - Teacher conferences were last week
- May 7: earthquake drill "The Big One" (across the district)
- May 14: Celebration of Champions, ceremony where teachers select students to be recognized for areas of growth
- District has piloted a fridge in all schools to have some fruit and veg available to students, located in the counsellor suite. Pilot project, so not sure if will continue past this school year
- To discuss at next PAC meeting: the school calendar for coming years. Looking for parent feedback on dates of school-specific ProD days, dates for parent-teacher conferences (plan is to keep like this year where they are *before* the mid-semester report cards so parents can be made aware of issues ahead of that)

Follow up from previous meetings:

- Fresh Roots – the district has hired someone to just continue the veggie garden; looking for a sponsor
- School washroom concerns – issues are being dealt with; still some with lack of garbage cans

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

- Family event (Screenagers) in Feb went really well
- Planning a smaller event in the library, end of May
- Dr Susanne Simpson (panelist at the Screenagers event) offers ideas to help parents connect with their teens

#### **5. DPAC update – none**

#### **6. Financial update – Julie Cole**

- Still have \$42,255.70 that has been allocated to the school but not yet dispersed.
- Just under \$2800 in general funds (mainly from Donald's fundraiser). This money will go towards bursaries for graduating students

#### **7. Fundraising**

- Should we do another Donald's gift card fundraiser? Not too much work involved. We can spread the word by Facebook, PAC newsletter, website. Those interested just need to fill out a form, e-transfer the money, and Donald's will have gift cards available for pick up from the store. We get 10% of total; last year this campaign raised \$870. Julie will set this up.

#### **8. Closing Remarks**

To get in touch with the PAC, email questions, comments, and suggestions to [chairvt@gmail.com](mailto: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 7:30pm

**Van Tech PAC Financial Statements**

2025 - 2026 School Year

April 22, 2026

**Van Tech PAC Gaming Account**

Account Balance at August 1, 2025	14,287.86
2025 - 2026 BC Gaming Grant - Received October 2025	32,200.00
Total Gaming Funds Available for 2025 - 2026 School Year	46,487.86

Gaming Account Disbursements

August 2025	-
September 2025	-
October 2025	4,227.48
November 2025	-
December 2025	-
January 2026	-
February 2026	-
April 2026	-
Total Gaming Account Disbursements	<u>4,227.48</u>

Van Tech Gaming Account Balance at April 22, 2026	<u>42,260.38</u>
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Gaming Funds Approved (but not Disbursed) for 2025 - 2026 School Year

Approvals from 2024 - 2025 not yet paid (\$9,542.16)	5,314.68
October 2025 (\$22,067.84)	22,067.84
February 2026 (\$14,873.18)	<u>14,873.18</u>
Total Gaming Funds Approved (but not Disbursed) for 2025 - 2026 School Year	<u>42,255.70</u>

Total Gaming Funds Available at April 22, 2026	<u>4.68</u>
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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	47.90
November 2025	-
December 2025	-
January 2026	-
February 2026	-
Total General Account Disbursements for 2025 - 2026	<u>47.90</u>

Van Tech PAC General Account Balance at April 22, 2026	348.74
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Funds held in trust by VTSS	2,448.96
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Total General Account Funds Available at April 22, 2026	<u>2,797.70</u>
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Total PAC Funds Available for Disbursement at April 22, 2026	<u><u>2,802.38</u></u>
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