

Van Tech PAC Meeting Minutes
Tuesday May 26, 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)

Van Tech Staff: Roberto Moro (Principal), Leanne Hagglund (teacher rep; online)

Meeting start 7:00pm

1. Welcome and introduction by Lindsie, 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) & səlilwətəł (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

2. Accept minutes from last meeting, April 2026

Motioned by Lindsie, seconded by Julie. Accepted.

3. Principal's Report – Roberto Moro

- Admin updates: Janet Thompson will be leaving next year, moving to Kitsilano Secondary. Catherine McLean will be filling the VP role, coming from David Thompson Secondary. She will come to first PAC meeting in September.
- School calendar for next year: same structure in terms of reporting periods; moving parent-caregiver conferences a week earlier to give time for students to address concerns before report cards are posted
- Asian Heritage Month (May) has been happening; wrap up event in the cafeteria
- Immunizations today for Grade 9
- Spring Awards Concerts: this Thursday for band and jazz; next week for orchestra and choir.
- Graduation key dates:
 - Prom: Friday June 12th at Hotel Vancouver, Heritage Ballroom
 - Grad ceremony: Monday June 15th at the Orpheum
 - June 9: 1st grad ceremony rehearsal during FIT; student will get their gown
 - June 11: Final rehearsal during FIT
- Extra tickets for the grad ceremony can be picked up June 9 (pre-order online). If families need more than 10, these will have to be picked up in person (limit to 10 pre-ordered online)
- Confirmed that two \$500 bursaries funded by the PAC will be given to 2 graduating students (decided by admin)
- School Learning Plan adjustment: adding an achievement goal; departments engage in discussion around what each department defines as 'achievement', rather than a broad definition; will be open for discussion
- Currently working on staffing and teacher timetables for the next school year
- Slight drop in enrollment for next year
- Last day of classes is Tuesday June 23. Last full day of classes will be Monday June 22. June 23 has shorter blocks and then the "Technival" event and yearbook distribution. The school is open to students on June 24 and 25 but these are optional days and an opportunity for students to complete assignments. June 26 is an Administrative Day where students do not attend.

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

- Junior Dance (Grades 8-10) next week; tickets on sale for the rest of this week; this is put on by the student council
- Plan to hold more in the future if have good turnout
- Planning an event in October on topic of toxic masculinity online

5. DPAC update – none

6. Financial update – Julie Cole (see full financial report attached)

- We allocated \$42,255.70 in gaming grant funds to the school. \$4.68 left that has not been allocated.
- Have still not received any actual invoices from the school so no funds have actually been dispersed. Therefore, final totals are unknown (the amount above is the maximum amount; actual invoices could come in as less)
- Our general funds will be used to provide bursaries for graduating students (2 bursaries of \$500)
- Agreed to fund another year-end coffee and treats for the teachers on the last day of school (~\$300); we were never invoiced from last year's event
- To date, have raised \$500 from the current Donald's gift card fundraiser (still ongoing); we have about \$3300 in our general account, less \$1000 for bursaries and \$600 for end-of-year coffee and muffins for teachers (last year + this year), leaving about \$1600 available in general funds
- We have received some funding requests recently from teachers for amounts wanted upon September start-up. We do not have any gaming grants available at this time. We should keep the general funds for things like bursaries that cannot be funded by the gaming grant.
- In September, once all the invoices have been received and paid from this school year, we can see if there is any money remaining in the gaming grant funds and decide at that time if we can fund these teacher requests we just received.

7. Planning for next school year

- Wed Sept 2: In person Grade 8 orientation; try to have someone from the PAC attend or at least put out a message to be read at the orientation event, letting parents know about the PAC and to encourage attendance at the meetings
- Discussed move to having PAC meetings exclusively in person (no online option). There are very few attendees online and we feel the purpose of the PAC should be to encourage connections which don't happen online. All agreed.
- Need to encourage more parent participation
 - Send out targeted emails (specifically to parents from each grade), messaging to encourage learning more about what is going on at the school, having a voice, etc.
 - Have food ('light refreshments') at the meetings to give the meetings a more social vibe; could use general funds and order cookies, etc from the Van Tech cafeteria baker
 - We usually get good turnout of parents at the September meeting; we will need to vote on exec positions and hope to enlist some new exec members
 - Next meeting in October is a funding decision meeting so we do usually get attendance then
 - We will try to have a speaker come in for the November meeting. A hot topic has been cell phone use in teens, especially the younger teens. Even if it is just a parent coming

in providing advice about setting parental controls, etc. Leanne will look into possibilities. Budget – could use gaming funds if a ‘family’ event (not just parents)

- PAC Exec to connect in early September to discuss encouraging parent engagement ahead of the first meeting in September

8. PAC Meeting Schedule for next school year

Tues Sept 22 – AGM
Tues Oct 27 – funding request meeting
Tues Nov 24 – invited speaker
Tues Jan 26
Tues Mar 2 – funding request meeting
Tues Apr 27
Tues June 1

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>

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

Van Tech PAC Financial Statements

2025 - 2026 School Year

May 26, 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	-
May 2026	-
Total Gaming Account Disbursements	<u>4,227.48</u>

Van Tech Gaming Account Balance at May 26, 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 May 26, 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	-
March 2026	-
April 2026	-
May 2026	-
Total General Account Disbursements for 2025 - 2026	<u>47.90</u>

Van Tech PAC General Account Balance at May 26, 2026	848.74
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Funds held in trust by VTSS	2,448.96
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Total General Account Funds Available at May 26, 2026	<u>3,297.70</u>
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Total PAC Funds Available for Disbursement at May 26, 2026	<u><u>3,302.38</u></u>
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