

MINUTES
Van Tech PAC Meeting – November 27, 2017 @ 7-8:00pm
Staff Cafeteria

1. Welcome & Introductions
Parents/guardians, principal, teacher rep, PAC exec (chair, treasurer, secretary)
2. James Hethey, teacher rep
Reported VSTA classroom sized and composition, TOC incentives, working with government, students and technology, possible guidebook for students/parents, VSB pleased about newly, democrat elected board, also request for any donations for TLC program like gift cards or money for same (prizes), BCTF presentation interest?
3. Annette Vey-Chilton, principal
Principal's report (posted on website): articles in the The Sun recently featuring Breakfast Club and Adopt-a school program; parent/teacher conf successful; senior volleyball girls and boys to the Provincials; new superintendent for district; White Hatter presented with rave reviews; Holiday Hamper through counselling dept and SACY accepting donations - money preferable/easiest by Dec 15; winter concert Dec 6; term report card online Dec 15; junior theatre productions Dec 13 & 14; holiday spirit week Dec 11-15, ending w/ Breakfast w/ Santa for grade 8's 2\$ donation welcome
Finance Committee: Student Learning Grant from Feb 2016 one time pay out, finally being disbursed. Committee discussed criteria: support new curriculum, etc. Discussed breakdown of three parts – 1/3 to fees/costs covering students who have financial hardship; 1/3 school-wide tech upgrades – both library and lab; 1/3 upon request from diff dept for materials/resources. PAC supports the staff disbursement decisions, all in favour.
4. Sharon Henderson, treasurer
Treasurer's report (posted on website): discussion re discretionary fund dwindling (used for cheques, membership fees), possible fundraising or just requesting donations: a lot of PAC executive commitment is required for onsite fundraising (handling money, etc), see website for Criteria for Gaming grants
5. Announcements
DPAC and BCCPAC – looking for parent reps; their meetings also have different speakers, see their website. Parent Celine Sauvage expressed interest, will look into volunteering.
Family Wellness Workshop in Cantonese Dec 1st in school library (see website)
UBC Computer Science girls global app competition (see website)
“Screenagers” movie at John Oliver Secondary Dec 6 (on website)
7. Adjourn meeting & Next PAC Meeting – January 22, 2018 @ 7pm
Agenda topics to include: decide on BCTF presentation topic (eg internet safety, bullying, the new curriculum and what does it mean to my child, pro-D day and what are they for), survey for more presentation topic-interest?

Enjoy Winter Break and Happy Holidays!

Any suggestions and/or comments for future meetings, please email chairvt@gmail.com