

MINUTES
Van Tech PAC Meeting – May 28, 2018 @ 7pm **AGM**
Staff Cafeteria

1. Welcome & Introductions

Parents/guardians, principal, teacher rep, PAC exec (chair, treasurer, secretary)

2. Review of PAC Funding Request forms – teachers use these to request funds from PAC.

Revised form reviewed and approved.

3. James Hethey, teacher rep to PAC, VSTA rep

VSTA – similar issues as last month: teachers' collective agreement expires next June 2019 – starting to plan pre-bargaining strategies; budget cycle VSB; BCTF teacher retention and recruitment; SOGI 123 (Sexual Orientation Gender Identity) website for parents, teachers, and schools - resources avail on website sogieducation.org/parents; gender neutral washrooms – only one at Van Tech.

4. Annette Vey-Chilton, principal

Principal's report (posted on website): Highlights: calendar submitted and approved for 2018/19, on website, Pro D changes; school fees submitted; working on the school plan: wellness, indigenous focus, anti-racism; staffing/timetable; numeracy assessments starting June 22; double block schedule; collab day; year-end concerts May 29 & 31; grad rehearsals; celebration dates for French Immersion, Indigenous; prom June 1 and convocation June 4; exams; yearbooks June 19; last day classes June 21 (some programs exempt) due to Numeracy assessments.

Outgoing chair gift from Principal/school presented to Ele for her seven years on the PAC executive gift basket from Fresh Roots program.

5. Sharon Henderson, treasurer

Treasurer's report (March 2018 posted on website): monthly expenditures, re-imburements to teachers, cleaning up requests, grant application for 2018/19 year to be done by end of, replacement chair for signing authority with bank, itemized report of all monies spent 2017/18 to be submitted by July 31. Ele, current chair, has agreed to help with these end-of-year treasurer responsibilities.

6. New Business:

a) Inquiry from parents regarding the Synervoice system being unable to automatically send out info to more than one email. This is apparently a program issue that will not automatically email more than one address. You can have an extra email added by emailing your request to the school office with the student name, number, parent name, and parent email.

Alternative ways of getting communications from Van Tech would be to download the app and get the push notifications.

b) Letter from parent regarding concerns about "school activity fees" addressed. Principal Vey-Chilton explained: Activity Fee \$30 fee for all students: includes but not exclusive of, agenda book, assembly speakers throughout the year, theme weeks, intra mural activities, clubs, welcome events, first day school welcoming event for grade 8's, student initiatives, in house events open to all students. The money goes to the student council. Of note, the fee schedule is approved at VSB level for all schools in district.

7. Election of new PAC executive for 2018/2019 academic year:
Chair – Elected Amy Chuang (nominated by Ginny Cobbin, seconded by Rose Le-Charette) all in favour; passed and accepted.
Treasurer – re-elected Sharon Henderson (nom by Rose Le-Charette, seconded by Ginny Cobbin), all in favour, passed and accepted.
Secretary – re-elected: Ginny Cobbin (nom by Sharon Henderson, seconded by Amy Chuang), all in favour, passed and accepted.

New PAC meeting dates discussed. Proposed dates on Tuesdays: Sept. 25, Oct. 30, Nov. 27, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, April. 30, May 28. To be approved at Sept meeting.

8. Line Items/Early requests for funding – explanation, early request are time sensitive
Teacher Brittany Beaton presented request for funds early to book music therapist for Sept for Spec Ed Life Skills class. Went through other requests deciding to approve only those absolutely needed for Sept, the rest of the requests will be addressed at Sept PAC meeting (see attached spreadsheet).
9. Adjourn meeting & **Next PAC Meeting – Sept 25, 2018 @ 7:30 pm** after grade 8 Welcome event
Agenda topics to include: Budget approvals, rollover line items, finalize future PAC meeting dates/times.

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