

MINUTES  
Van Tech PAC Meeting – September 24, 2019 @ 8:30 - 9 pm  
School Library

1. Welcome & Introductions – Amy Chuang, PAC chair (**featuring homemade chocolate chip cookies**)  
Present -parents/guardians, principal, vice principals, teacher rep, PAC exec (chair, treasurer, secretary), counsellor grade 8.
2. Grade 8 Counsellor – David Waisberg  
New to Van Tech - providing support to the students through their whole grade 8-12 experience, educational counselling, personal, any concerns, always welcome, available for any concerns.
3. Teacher Liaison – Jenny Lee (sharing role w/ James Hethey)  
Teacher representative at PAC, collects teacher money requests, both VSTA reps
4. School Nurse – Derek Roelofsen (absent)  
Principal R. Moro spoke re Derek's role as School Nurse – students' health & wellness
5. Principal – Robert Moro  
New to Van Tech – first impressions, welcomed by staff and students alike, open to new ideas, all about supporting the students.  
Principal's report (also on website): Breakfast Club up and running 5 days/week; Interim reports; parent/teacher conf in Nov; student council elections and subsequent meetings re school dances?, vending machines?; school start-up; filling teacher positions; LSP program pilot; Pro D team building up Grouse Mtn w/ Indigenous Feast house presentation; Clubs Day Oct 11; White Hatter Oct 10- separate parent and student presentations; Terry Fox run; Safe Teen Oct 22 & 24.
6. SACY – (rep absent)  
Supporting and Connecting Youth, a lot of information/workshops for supporting students and parents, watch for "Building Bridges with your Teen", and/or "Capacity Café" events. Please see website for more info
7. PAC Overview – Amy Chuang PAC chair  
Parent Advisory Council role as representatives (need at least 3), the members and their roles, no fundraising, all parents/guardians welcome, sharing of information of school life, guidance and information, meeting staff, presentations/workshops of interest, application of gaming grant, distribution of grant monies at budget meetings, being involved/aware of children's lives outside home, parent involvement important in supporting children. See website for monthly meetings, contact info, etc.
8. DPAC – representative needed  
PAC at district level, monthly meetings (all parents/guardians welcome), presentations, etc, see their website (through VSB) for more info.
9. Treasurer's Report - Sharon Henderson, treasurer  
Overview of gaming grants, allocation, balances, expenditures, pay-outs to date, posted on website.

10. Adjourn meeting & **Next PAC Meeting – October 29, 2019 @ 7pm**

Agenda topics to include:

- budget approvals 2019-2020 academic year
- ideas for speakers for future meetings
- Nurse Derek Roelofsen
- SACY rep

(Other presentations avail if parents are interested, see BCTF website, past PAC minutes, or email PAC)

**Any suggestions and/or comments for future meetings, please email [chairvt@gmail.com](mailto:chairvt@gmail.com)**