

MINUTES
Van Tech PAC Meeting – February 25, 2020 @ 7:05 – 8:00 pm
School Library

1. Welcome & Introductions – Amy Chuang, PAC chair (**featuring homemade lemon loaf**)
Present -parents/guardians, principal, teacher rep, PAC exec (chair, secretary, treasurer)
2. Teacher rep – Jenny Lee
Prevalence funding model "on hold", in phase II; teacher rally Feb 26 3:45 outside Van Tech
Please see BCTF website for more information.
3. Principal's Report – Robert Moro (posted on website)
Breakfast of Champions Feb 26; Athletics Dept selling VT pink shirts for Feb 26; revisiting "honour roll" vs "principal's list"; Literacy week Mar 2; Fine Arts Mar 6; Report cards avail Mar 13 online; timetable building – course selection; Ministry and District still dealing with "extra blocks" because of contract language; grad info for grads Apr 6 session, parent session TBD; Compass survey (student health survey) in last year then switch to a Ministry survey; Indigenous week changed to monthly approach – not just one week- spread out through year; Garden – Fresh root and VSB grounds crews landscaping changes, Indigenous garden, Fresh Roots maintains with garden club; Athletics busy with curling, table tennis, basketball, volleyball, rugby; working on curriculum implementation.

Q&A discussion: Teacher websites?
Not really structured or mandatory – some do, some don't
Possible new software programs coming to help students and teachers,
"My Blue print"
4. Treasurer – Sharon Henderson
Gaming account two thirds allocated to date, further third scheduled for May meeting. Non-gaming account only around \$450, will need to grow for banking charges, cheques, PAC fees, etc (items not covered by gaming funds). Bake sale fundraiser okay? Discussion around appropriate events to "piggyback": Technival?
5. Vending machines – who decides on inventory? We do (admin, staff, parents). Why bottled water? We have fountains....not needed except maybe near gyms for visiting students. Principal to look into getting stats from company on what is selling, etc, and to check sugar levels on new drinks to make sure within VSB health standards.
6. Ideas for presentations for future meetings
Other forms of software besides social media for students for homework/collaborating?
Brain development presenter?
SACY Representative workshops?
7. DPAC – see website for workshops and meetings (open to all parent/guardians VSB students)
8. Adjourn meeting 8:00 pm & **Next PAC Meeting – April 28, 2020 @ 7pm**
Agenda to include possible presentation; AGM reminder -elect PAC executive in May
Cancel March 31 tentative meeting – (too close to spring break)

(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