

KITSILANO SECONDARY SCHOOL 09/10
 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) MEETING MINUTES 06

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

03 February 2010

PRESENT:

- Chris Atkinson, Principal; Rainer Mehl, Teacher
- Executive members:** James Burton, Lisa Herrera, Mary Chipman, Cathy Goodban, Andrew Larigakis
- 17 PAC members total** (refer to sign-in book)

Location: 3rd Floor Staff Room, 7:30 pm

	Minutes	Action
6.01	Agenda tabled and adopted. Meeting to be abbreviated to allow time for presentation by Architects and CitySpaces of proposals for school renewal.	Info
6.02	Minutes of last meeting adopted.	Info
6.03	<p>Principal's Report – Chris Atkinson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Kitsilano Commemorative Cavalcade, go to Alumni button on Kits web site -Class of '48 challenge to raise funds for Grad Award -\$15,000 currently in fund held by Vancouver Foundation <p>-School Board budget shortfall, 23 teachers received notices of potential layoffs – 23 out of 91. Teachers with five or less years of experience most at risk.</p> <p>-notices to be delivered in May.</p> <p>-Alternate school calendar being examined. Potential savings of \$1.5 million.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -employee groups have met about it. -would entail changes to days and sessions. -change arrangement and number of minutes in a week. -would standardize a "District Day" 	Info
6.04	Motion: "PAC to send a letter to the VSB and Provincial Government expressing concern regarding the budget shortfall and its effect on students and staff." Seconded. Carried.	Exec
6.05	<p>Teacher's Report – Rainer Mehl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -300 students presented grad transition plans. 25 parents and 9 teachers participated 	Info
6.06	<p>DPAC Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -no new business. No meetings upcoming in February 	Info
6.07	<p>Treasurer's Report – Cathy Goodban</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -paper work submitted for tax receipts. -as soon as receipts are received, they will be distributed. 	Info
6.08	<p>CPF Report</p> <p>Motion: "PAC to send a letter to Provincial Government to ask that they reinstate funds that were taken away this year from Education using template from CPF." Anne DeWolfe knows suggested wording.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -proposed that this and letter referred to above be merged. 	Info

6.09	<p>Kitsilano School Panning Team Update</p> <p>Presenting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Ehman – DA Architects Gwyn Simmonds – City Spaces Elizabeth Fitzaland – City Spaces 	Info
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	<p>Introductory Comments – Gwyn Simmonds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -proposal building on work from Open House and associated report from last year. <p>Project Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -have in place a project capital plan for the commitment of funds by May. -design of school to be developed from summer of 2010 to summer of 2011. -Kitsilano School Planning Team (KSPT) generated eleven Planning Principles and Six different concepts. Five concepts included retention of some part of the school. One concept involved complete demolition. <p>Some considerations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -maintain operations during construction -retain and incorporate some portion of the existing 1927 block (not desired by the teachers). -challenges of a very tight site. <p>-Open House proposed for March 2nd. Will talk to community as well before then.</p>	
6.10	<p>Power Point Presentation – Mark Ehman</p> <p>Eleven Planning Principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a model 21st Century School 2. Protect and Enhance the School Spirit and Sense of Place 3. Plan for Sustainability 4. Ensure a safe and Secure School Facility 5. Improve the health and Well-Being of the Entire School Community 6. Create Stronger Connections with the Kitsilano Community Centre 7. Plan the School as a Neighbourhood of Learning 8. Respect the 1927 Heritage Block 9. Provide great Outdoor Space 10. Plan for Implementation and Fiscal Viability 11. Plan to Minimize phasing and Construction Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Six concepts reviewed including Preferred Concept Plan (see Kits website) -Overall floor area of new school will be smaller than existing since current Ministry of Education Area Standards will apply. -designed with classroom clusters around a project area with a teacher prep area. -Implementation considerations: minimize construction time by minimizing the number of phases. 	
6.11	<p>Discussion / Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -long-term thinking not expressed -Q. what is wrong with portables? -A. portables use up money that could otherwise be put into the building. -new proposal gives school more gym space. Mainly more gym support and gym ancillary space. -1/3 of lockers to be full-height -2/3 of lockers to be half-height <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -concern raised about classrooms and other spaces cut off from building exterior resulting in minimal daylight, no views and fresh air from opening windows. -lacks sense of place – disconnect between façade and what is behind the façade. Preference expressed for scheme A. -capacity does not exist to move students to other places during construction. -classrooms without daylight a concern. -Use scheme A but shift Gym, etc, to west to allow tech wing to be used as swing space and reduce disruption and portables. -life skills, special ed. –concern expressed regarding segregation of special 	

	<p>education students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -concern for preservation of tennis courts. These are free, flexible, multi-use spaces for the school and the community. -new field at Connaught park out of use due too poor drainage. -Phys. Ed. Department advocates for all-weather artificial turf field. -what about moving all-weather pitch to Connaught park? -John Urquart – iron worker and involved in school construction. Worked on 5 new schools which he thought were very beautiful. Worked on re-construction of 4 schools including Van Tech which was a construction nightmare. Where do you put 1600 students during construction. Advocates for new school (Plan F). <p>-Report from Consultants is currently out for pricing.</p> <p>-Ministry will review.</p> <p>-Agreement for funding expected from Province this summer.</p> <p>-Motions from last PAC meeting were reviewed.</p> <p>-Presentations will be made to community members.</p> <p>-not considered useful to bring community members into planning committee. Focus on educational issues first.</p> <p>-CitySpaces will provide hard copies of Proposals to Principal who will provide them to Gwyneth for distribution.</p> <p>-Date(s) for Open House to be confirmed.</p> <p>-concern that currently fashionable ideas about classroom clusters will leave a legacy of poor learning environments.</p> <p>-One prep area for four teachers at parent’s teaching institution. Office not used because not clear whose office it is. Daylight important.</p> <p>-loss of full-size lockers and narrowing of hallways a concern. Narrower hallways can lead to more bullying.</p> <p>-concern about classrooms over tech wing. Need to acoustically isolate tech wing.</p> <p>-preference expressed for Option A.</p>	
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End of Minutes to meeting of 03 February 2010