

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

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26 May 2010

SPECIAL MEETING ON SCHOOL RENEWAL / SEISMIC UPGRADE

PRESENT:

- Executive members:** James Burton, Lisa Herrera, Mary Chipman, Cathy Goodban, Andrew Larigakis
- 13 PAC members total** (refer to sign-in book)

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

	Minutes	Action
9.01	Agenda tabled. Adopted.	Info
9.02	<p>School Growth Plan – Lisa Herrera School Goals similar to last year. -“Goal 1: To further enhance the learning experiences of all students in all subject areas.” -“Goal 2: To improve the achievement of students who are not attaining success through an array of planned interventions.”</p> <p>- Success of plan depends upon how well it is implemented. -in the past there has been something of a disconnect between the Plan and the staff and broader school community.</p> <p>Motion: “The PAC adopts the School Growth Plan as presented at today’s meeting.” -motion tabled due to lack of quorum.</p>	Info

9.03	<p>Consultant Presentation on School Renewal/ Seismic Upgrade -Presentation by DA Architects and CitySpaces</p>	
9.03.1	<p><i>1) Process and Project Update</i> -process as follows: -Preparation of schematic Options -Consultations – development of options -Open House -Development of Option A to A₂, D to D₂ -Meetings with City of Vancouver and Province to follow; -Aim for Capital Project Agreement -Target – next stage planning and consultation for Fall 2010</p>	
9.03.2	<p><i>2) Challenges and Objectives</i> -Time line, Kits is high seismic risk -Keep school open during construction safely and practically -Retain 1927 building, especially street facades -Tight site -Determining Community needs, Neighbourhood of Learning -Cost- balance provincial requirements with heritage and site features. -City and Provincial Approvals</p>	

	<p>Concept A₂ -total floor area 17,552 square metres -retains main entry off 10th as primary entry -theatre and library off of Commons space -underground parking (recommended for all options due to small site) -classrooms in clusters in approximate location of existing classrooms (not double-loaded corridors), classrooms surround project areas. Classroom with windows to the outside. -retains existing high floor to floor heights -large gym – 3 basketball courts -retains 1927 block street elevations</p> <p>Concept D₂ -total floor area of 17,982 square meters -central commons links gym and theatre -underground parking -views into gym from long corridor along north -classroom clusters with windows to the outside -retains existing high floor to floor heights -large gym – 3 basketball courts -retains 1927 block street elevations</p> <p>Concept F -all new school along 12th Avenue -total floor area 15,738 square metres -most outdoor space -likely to have lower floor to floor heights than existing school -east-west orientation of school provides optimal daylighting and energy efficiency -no retention of 1927 facades</p>
9.03.3	<p><i>3) Responding to Heritage</i> -importance of façade including windows and doors -retain ceiling heights (about 1 foot higher than would be typical in a new school). -retain mature landscape areas -formal entrance off 10th Avenue -propose a “Legacy Hall” for display of collection of artifacts from school history. -existing exterior walls are cast-in-place concrete and therefore not exceptionally difficult to seismically upgrade. -existing floor slabs built around hollow clay tile and therefore difficult to seismically upgrade. -existing layout of interior structural columns may not work with new floor plan layout.</p>
9.03.4	<p><i>4) Phasing</i> -Option A₂: -requires 34 portables in Phase 1. -Phase 2 build gym -Phase 3 build second half of gym -proposed construction period of 53 months -Option D₂ -no portables required -Phase 1 will build new academic wing -proposed construction period of 48 months -Option F -still requires Phased construction -proposed construction period of 45 months</p>

	<p>-Option A₃ -Consultants took a cursory look at suggestion put forward by the PAC in a previous meeting to reduce construction time and number of portables by shifting gym in Option A to west side of site.</p> <p>-number of portable reduced but not eliminated.</p> <p>-distance of gym from community centre perceived as a serious disadvantage.</p>
9.03.5	<p><i>5) Sustainability</i></p> <p>-all Options required to meet LEED Gold level mandated by provincial government for new schools.</p> <p>-looking at using waste heat from the ice arena to heat school.</p>
9.03.6	<p><i>6) Costing</i></p> <p>Concept A₂ \$72.2 million</p> <p>Concept D₂ \$65.6 million</p> <p>Concept F \$53.1 million</p>
9.03.7	<p><i>7) City of Vancouver dialogue</i></p> <p>-City would like to see more of the new school oriented towards Larch Street</p> <p>-they propose the gym be move towards the middle of the site.</p> <p>-would like to see underground parking access moved from Trafalgar Street to Larch.</p> <p>-City prefers Option A₂ as they see it as a better urban design solution.</p> <p>-more discussion is required.</p>
9.03.8	<p><i>8) Moving Forward</i></p> <p>-Consultants will be making a presentation to Committee II of the VSB on June 22nd.</p> <p>-the presentation will document the process and present all three options.</p> <p>-Consultant's recommendation will be to pursue Option D₂</p>
9.03.9	<p>Open Discussion:</p> <p>-the entire cost of portables, if used, would be borne by Kits even though they would be re-used afterwards at other locations.</p> <p>-concern raised about ongoing operation and maintenance costs for underground parking.</p> <p>-concern raised regarding security of underground parking</p> <p>-to address city concern about access to underground parking from Trafalgar, suggestion made to move City Bikeway to Stephen's Street.</p> <p>-an Executive Summary needs to be posted on the Kits web site and feedback requested from the wider group of parents.</p> <p>-PAC informed that all the material has already been posted and information with links sent out.</p> <p>-a misunderstanding existed regarding PAC support for concept A₂ which was clarified. PAC has not formally endorsed any of the options.</p> <p>Motion: "The Kitsilano and Feeder school parent communities have not been given enough time to review and indicate a preference for Option A₂, D₂ or F." Seconded. Carried</p> <p>Motion: "The Kitsilano PAC appreciates the increased daylighting of interiors evident in the revised options." Carried.</p> <p>Motion: "The Kitsilano PAC appreciates the retention of the heritage façade." Carried.</p> <p>Motion: "The Kitsilano PAC wishes to see direct access to daylight and outside ventilation (through openable windows) in all classrooms." Carried.</p> <p>Motion: "The Kitsilano PAC supports the Consultants' concerns with respect to Larch Street." Carried.</p> <p>Motion: "The Kitsilano PAC supports the concept of underground parking contingent on the issues of safety and security being addressed." Carried.</p> <p>Motion: "The Kitsilano PAC supports the priority use of the school outdoor space in support of school activities and curriculum." Carried.</p>

	<p>Motion: “The Kitsilano PAC generally supports the siting of the gym on the east side of the site.” Carried.</p> <p>Motion: “The Kitsilano PAC supports maximizing the openness and connection of a central commons space to the outdoors.” Carried.</p> <p>Motion: “The Kitsilano PAC supports the retention of the existing floor to floor heights and the introduction of daylight into corridors.” Carried.</p> <p>Motion: “The Kitsilano PAC supports reducing the use of portables as much as possible.” Carried.</p> <p>Motion: “The Kitsilano PAC endorses the concept of a central common space that links interior and outside spaces.” Carried.</p> <p>Consultant Report can be viewed at:</p> <p>http://www.cityspaces.ca/projects/KITS_PAC/</p>
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End of Minutes to meeting of 26 May 2010