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Mark Dale, Assistant Secretary of Treasurer - Facilities
Vancouver Board of Education
1580 West Broadway
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Dear Mr. Dale:

Re: Second Phase - Kitsilano Secondary School Renewal

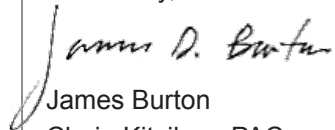
Thank you for your letter of October 9 inviting Kits PAC to be directly involved in the next phase of Kitsilano Secondary's school renewal. Our PAC welcomes the opportunity to actively participate within the Kitsilano School Planning Team (KSPT), and collaborate with the Project Consultant Team to develop a concept design to be considered by the Board in May 2010.

At the October 14 PAC meeting, our liaison trustee Patti Bacchus updated parents on this second phase of Kitsilano's school renewal and contributed to the ensuing discussion on the concept design planning process and representation on the KSPT. Our parent community agreed that early and regular involvement by key stakeholders will make the process more efficient and effective. To that end, Kits PAC strongly believes that it is important to have representatives on the KSPT from the Kitsilano community, the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, and the City of Vancouver. We are recommending that representatives from these constituencies attend the October 29 kick-off meeting. Kitsilano community representatives could come from the Upper Kits Residents Association and/or the West Kits Residents Association, as well as the Kitsilano Business Association.

Kits PAC also elected the two parent representatives to sit on the KSPT: myself and Jean Gordon, a parent of a Grade 8 student.

Thank you again for your invitation to participate in this exciting phase of Kitsilano Secondary's school renewal. We too are eager to work with the VBE and all Kitsilano stakeholders to bring into fruition the community vision developed at the Visioning event last February.

Yours truly,


James Burton
Chair, Kitsilano PAC

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