



ECOLE JULES QUESNEL

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Educational Facilities Review Meeting at Jules Quesnel

Thursday, January 17th, 2008

7:00 pm in the Gym

Childminding will be available.

There is no school for students that day (Professional Day) but the meeting will occur nonetheless.

Dear Parents,

You are invited to this important meeting with District officials to learn about the facilities review and to be involved in providing feedback on the proposals for change in the UBC to Dunbar neighbourhood.

The VSB website (<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/districtinfo/educationalfacility/phaseI/default.htm>) has been updated with a summary of the issues, the full report with details on each school in this area, including Jules Quesnel, and some Frequently Asked Questions. The summary is being published in the *Vancouver Courier* and is available in paper copy for pick up from the school office. We encourage all parents to read and familiarize themselves with the issues and proposals.

Some highlighted proposals requiring your feedback include:

- Closure and sale of Queen Elizabeth Annex in order to finance the purchase of the vacant National Research Council (NRC) building at UBC
- Convert the NRC building to a secondary school and move University Hill Secondary students to this larger facility
- Convert the current U Hill Secondary into an elementary school to accommodate the increasing numbers of students who cannot be accommodated at University Hill Elementary School.
- Consider options for French Immersion or other “choice” programs at Jules Quesnel, QE Main and the new elementary school at UBC, as reflected by community input. Among the options currently proposed are:
 - Maintaining the French Immersion program in a seismically upgraded Jules Quesnel building and adding a French Immersion program (dual-track) to the new school at UBC, or
 - Creating one single-track French Immersion program school for the entire area that would be moved to the current Queen Elizabeth (Main) School building.

(Both of these options would involve the temporary relocation of the JQ French Immersion program to the newly converted school at UBC while the Jules Quesnel building is seismically upgraded.)

- Consider downsizing the schools which are scheduled for seismic improvements; e.g. Queen Mary Elementary

The timeline is included in the brochure and the deadline to submit ideas and suggestions to the Board is February 15th. It is expected that a final decision will be made by the School Board on March 11th, following a timeline of community consultation and input on the proposed changes.

Jules Quesnel has a team to assist our school community in gathering information and in providing feedback to the Educational Facilities Review Committee. Our team consists of:

- Richard Zerbe, Principal
- Krystyna Niziolek, Vice Principal
- Gord Maclean, PAC Chair
- Vivienne Wu, PAC member
- Natalie Morissette, JQ teacher
- Jessica Campbell, JQ teacher

Opportunities to discuss the proposals with members of the JQ team prior to the January 17th meeting have been arranged for Tuesday, January 15th at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday, January 16th at 2:50 p.m.* in the JQ library. Other opportunities for providing feedback via various means will be offered and communicated throughout the review period. Feedback on the proposals as well as suggestions for new options are welcome. (* Childminding will be available for January 16th only in room 107.)

Should you have any questions about the Educational Facilities Review, please feel free to contact the school or speak to any of the JQ team members.

We look forward to seeing you at Jules Quesnel on Thursday, January 17th. You are also welcome to attend public meetings at other sites if this time and date is not convenient for you (schedule below).

Respectfully,

Mr. Richard Zerbe, Principal

Public consultation meetings will be held at 7pm on the following dates at these schools:

January 14, 2008 University Hill Secondary 2896 Acadia Road
January 15, 2008 Queen Mary Elementary 2000 Trimble Street
January 16, 2008 Lord Byng Secondary 3939 W. 16th Avenue
January 17, 2008 Jules Quesnel Elementary 3050 Crown Street
January 21, 2008 University Hill Elementary 5395 Chancellor Boulevard
January 22, 2008 Queen Elizabeth Elementary 4102 West 16th Avenue

As well, an "Open House" will be hosted from 10 am - 2 pm on:

January 19, 2008 Lord Byng Secondary 3939 West 16th Avenue

Consultation meetings regarding a possible school closure are scheduled for 7pm on:

January 29, 2008 Queen Elizabeth Annex 4275 Crown Street
February 6, 2008 Queen Elizabeth Annex 4275 Crown Street