

**Kitsilano Parent Advisory Council**

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**Meeting with Premier Gordon Campbell**

**6:00 pm, December 8th, 2008**

**Kitsilano Secondary School Staff Room (usual meeting location)**

*Summary of the PAC's ambitions for the Kitsilano School Facilities given the forthcoming school renewal / seismic upgrade.*

**School Facilities**

- 1.1 We wish to have the best educational facilities possible for our kids and our community.
- 1.2 We wish to see the educational facilities funding formula amended to recognize Kitsilano Secondary's central role in providing an extensive array of community education programs and activities beyond its role as a secondary school.
- 1.3 We wish the current funding formula to be amended to recognize and assign a real value to the "heritage" of certain school buildings including Kits.
- 1.4 We wish the school facilities to be a showpiece for sustainable building and site design. We also wish the school design to address concerns related to green space and handicap accessibility.

**Process**

- 2.1 We are concerned about the pace at which the seismic upgrade of our schools is taking place and about the fact that upgrades are not being done at those schools that have been determined to be at highest risk in an earthquake, and thus identified as highest priority; Kitsilano Secondary is one of these high priority schools.
- 2.2 We would like to see a more consultative process which includes better communications overall and, in particular, between the Ministry of Education, the VSB, the City of Vancouver, and the Community.
- 2.3 Given the size and complexity of seismically upgrading Vancouver schools, we wish to see funding allocated for the creation of an adequately resourced management team specifically tasked with the oversight of an integrated school renewal / seismic upgrade process.
- 2.4 We would like to see a construction process that includes efforts minimizing the disruption to teaching and learning.

**Moving Forward**

- 3.1 We wish to see sufficient funding for all the points noted above.
- 3.2 We wish to see funding in place for the Kitsilano Secondary School project by May 1st, 2009.
- 3.3 We wish to see construction started at Kits by the spring of 2010.

**How can you help us meet all these goals?**