

COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE II – PLANNING & FACILITIES

TUESDAY, July 02, 2013

Committee Report to the Board, September 16, 2013

1. Delegation – Gordon Elementary PAC

F. Goodman, Gordon parent, stated that most parents would like to see this project move forward as quickly as possible and are in full support of the proposal to move their children onto a safe site in September 2014. Gordon parents also expressed thanks to the Queen Elizabeth communities for their acceptance of another school on their site.

The delegate was thanked for his presentation.

2. Delegation – Queen Elizabeth Elementary PAC

J. Taylor, PAC Co-Chair, submitted a list of PAC concerns and recommendations regarding the proposed relocation of General Gordon (GG) students to Queen Elizabeth (QE) portables for 2014/15 school year. These include:

- A proper traffic safety consultant be engaged to develop a traffic plan; include a system of bussing GG students to QE;
- More custodial staff and supervision aides for lunch and play time;
- The purchase, or significant contribution toward the purchase of two student I-pad carts and two laptop carts;
- A commitment to fund the entire list of items on the Needs Assessment and have all improvements done by December 31, 2013;
- Repair or replacement of the main building roof due to serious ongoing leaks;
- Commit to keeping the Principals of QE and GG in their respective positions until the end of the GG project;
- Establish a process to work with the school and PAC to find a long term solution for the portables; and
- Commit to working with the PAC on these and future issues in a timely and transparent manner.

In response to a query, the delegate stated the playground areas are very crowded. Rather than a new portable for the daycare, the daycare could use the portable previously used by Jules Quesnel which would leave the gravel field available for play space.

The delegate was thanked for her presentation.

3. Delegation – West Kitsilano Residents Association

L. Benge, West Kitsilano Residents Association, voiced concerns about the lack of stakeholder participation in the General Gordon Seismic Renewal project.

The delegate was thanked for his presentation.

4. General Gordon Seismic Renewal Project – Temporary Accommodation

J. Meschino, Director of Facilities, and C. Atkinson, District Principal – Project Director, referred to the memo entitled “*General Gordon Seismic Renewal Project – Temporary Accommodation*”. They reported that staff have been working on developing a better design, simplifying the phasing and refining costs on the Gordon seismic project.

A trustee and stakeholder stressed the importance of establishing a Project Office for upcoming seismic projects.

Approved by the Board on July 2, 2013.

- IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Vancouver Board of Education approve the plan to move General Gordon School to Queen Elizabeth and Queen Elizabeth Annex commencing September 2014 for the duration of construction of a renewed General Gordon School.
- IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT staff work with Queen Elizabeth and Queen Elizabeth Annex staff and parents in order to address concerns related to wear and tear on school facilities and resources.
- IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Vancouver Board of Education direct VBE Planning and Facilities staff to develop a plan for future west side swing space, and will share this longer term plan with the affected school populations.

5. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 5:00pm.

Allan Wong, Chairperson

- Committee II Members Present: Allan Wong, Rob Wynen, Fraser Ballantyne
- Other Trustees Present: Patti Bacchus, Ken Clement, Ken Denike, Sophia Woo
- District Management Present: Steve Cardwell, Rick Krowchuk, Jim Meschino, Lisa Landry, Janet Stewart
- Association Representatives Present: Gerry Kent, VESTA
Bruce Murton, VEPVPA
Tim Chester, IUOE
Colin Redfern, DPAC