



Imagine the possibilities: Sir James Douglas School Renewal Project

Douglas Project Summary

- Ministry of Education and VSB have a project agreement to construct a replacement school, on the existing site
- Key educational elements include a school capacity of 585 Kindergarten to Grade 7 students, library, full sized elementary gymnasium, special education spaces
- Early learning entitlement of 3 early education rooms
- Additional Neighborhood Learning Centre space includes a music room, an enlarged multipurpose room suitable for physical activity, out-of-school care program, and meeting room.
- Estimated project costs: \$18.4 M (at March 2009 subject to Ministry de/escalation)
- Although the existing school building is not on the City of Vancouver heritage registry, heritage value is attributed to the circa 1912 school building. A Request for Proposal for future use of the existing school building will be issued at the completion of the project.

More detailed project information is available on the VSB webpage at <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/district-facilities/projects/sir-james-douglas-elementary>

Feedback from December 2009 Open House

Approximately 30 people attended the last Open House held on December 10, 2009. The project team presented a project update and a concept design. A total of 8 feedback forms were returned, mostly reflecting comments from Douglas and Douglas Annex parents. The responses to the concept were generally positive citing aspects of access, not displacing students, sustainability, and liked the sharing of school space with the community. Comments noted concerns about traffic and design details on specific spaces.

For more detailed feedback information see the VSB webpage <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/sites/default/files/shared/Douglas%20OH%20Dec10%20webpg.pdf>

