

**Kitchener Elementary School  
June 23, 2010 Open House Summary**

Thank you for attending the Open House and taking the time to fill in the feedback form to share your thoughts. Approximately 60 people dropped in to view the presentation boards and speak with project staff. The table below provides a profile of the attendees based on the information provided from the sign in sheet.

Twenty three feedback forms were returned; representing comments from over 35% of attendees. All written feedback and suggestions were reviewed and are summarized below. Feedback indicates design aspects related to the openness and improved southern exposure of the revised building layout, and the flexibility related to the learning community concept were seen as positive. Concerns from the feedback responses included provision of playground during construction, size/location of the staff parking lot, confusion about the location of a music room and desire for a permanent stage.

As we move forward in the design development phase, the concept plan will be analyzed and refinements made based on structural, mechanical, code, construction, City of Vancouver, Ministry of Education, budgetary and other requirements relative to educational program needs. Details on the provision of student play areas during construction and design configuration to best meet onsite parking requirements will be considered; and the delivery of music and stage areas will be explored in further detail.

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**Profile of Attendees**

Sign In Sheet	Number attending indicated in this category
Parent/Past Parent	27
Neighbor	17
Parent /Neighbor	8
Other (association representative, facility renter, City Council, volunteer)	5

**Feedback Form- Profile of Respondents**

Please indicate whether you are a:	Responses that checked this category
VSB Staff Member	0
Current Parent/Future Parent	13
Neighbor/Local Resident	7
Local Business Owner	0
Association Representative	2
Other	7*

\*6 signed form submissions - did not indicate respondent category

## Summary of Feedback Form Comments

### **Q1. What do you like or dislike about the revised building layout for the replacement Kitchener School building (expanded east-west building footprint, increased southern exposure, location of main school entrance and building access points, relocated staff parking)?**

Many responses liked the improved light, southern exposure, openness of the revised building layout (7).

Suggestions or dislikes included:

Lack of details on play structure during construction and relocation (3)

Do not like location or size of parking lot (2)

Lack of outdoor covered play area (2)

Disliked proximity to 24<sup>th</sup> Ave (2)

Would like a grass field (2)

Increase outside space by going up one storey (1), or underground parking (1).

Dislike small staffroom (1)

Dislike drop-off on narrow side street (1)

Main school entrance too far from 25<sup>th</sup> (1)

Make extra costs known (1)

### **Q2. Which aspects of the learning community concept design do you see as most supportive for student learning or needing more attention to support student learning - why?**

Comments expressed support for the flexibility and ability to accommodate different education and learning styles (5).

Concerns noted:

Need for professional development for teachers, more teacher input (2)

Need to address noise (2)

Music room (2)

Question the adaptability of building to change or convert to traditional manner (2)

General scepticism about new learning concept (2)

Maybe more difficult for students needing one-on-one attention (1)

Don't like open level areas for young students-potential risk. Plan more appropriate for high school (1)

Worried about peer pressure on student learning in unstructured setting (1)

Budget for new furnishings (1)

### **Q3. What do you like or dislike about the revised Neighbourhood Learning Centre spaces for community use (community commons, multipurpose room, performance area)?**

Like the spaces for community use (8)

Would like a permanent stage (3)

Like the location, kept size of multipurpose room (2)

Like indoor bicycle parking; reduce parking spots (2)

Who will use the spaces (2)

Will users pay rent (1)

Concern no permanent music room (1)

Design access to community spaces to minimize impact on 24<sup>th</sup> Ave neighbors (1)

### **Q4. Do you have other comments on any information presented at today's Open House?**

5 signed pre-typed identical comment sheets were submitted with the following points- parking area too large and blocks pedestrians; stage should be permanent, conventional design; music room and outdoor play area missing in plan; and increase elevation difference between school and gym-multipurpose room. Some of the same points were also noted in other feedback forms (3).

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Other responses and concerns:

Liked the plans (4)

Concerned about playground during construction (2)

Want to see building exterior (2)

Lack of budget for appropriate furniture (1)

Have documents online (1)

Ensure landscaping minimizes impact of parked cars and dumpsters on streetscape (1)

Design horticulture so children don't use them as play areas(1)

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