

General Gordon Elementary P.A.C.

Yellow School House Update

The Yellow School House located on the school property has been in the news recently. The VSB will be presenting their recommendation to demolish the yellow schoolhouse at their Planning and Facilities meeting on Wednesday, 22 Feb 2017 at 5pm. The PAC will be present at the meeting to support the VSB recommendation. Parents are welcome to join and show their support. Room#180 at Vancouver School Board Centre 1580 W. Broadway, Vancouver, B.C.

Please go to the school website for a complete update on 'What's happening with the yellow schoolhouse?'

www.gordonelementary.ca/yellow_school_house

The PAC supports the recommendation of the VSB as it allows more playground and green space for our children. The Heritage group is looking to save the building. The PAC feels that the building has fallen into disrepair and now poses health hazards. Gordon students would have to share playground space that is already small to begin with. The increased traffic from drop off and pickup would make it more difficult if the Yellow School House were occupied. No acceptable proposal to renovate and use the building has been found in the last three and a half years since the demolition was first proposed.

The PAC proposed vision for the space includes a much loved butterfly garden that was lost during the seismic upgrade of the school. Other possibilities for the space could be

- outdoor sitting area/classroom
- raised vegetable beds
- meditation garden
- playground space

It is a sunny spacious corner suitable to the needs of the plants. A simple native plant zone like we had before to model/teach pollination and the multiple connections to science will be easy to plant and maintain, affordable and incredibly therapeutic in our urban environment. It will not only be a wonderful energizing place for our children but also serve the community well.

Our children require our support in ensuring that the space is preserved for their physical and mental wellbeing. Please email the PAC at gordonpac@ymail.com to show your support for the possibility of more green and playground space for our children.

Thank you!