

**From:** Frank Goodman

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2016 11:24 PM

**To:** Mike Lombardi (VSB Trustee); Penny Noble (VSB Trustee); Scott Robinson (Supt Office)

**Cc:** Promita Abraham; Victoria Stephens

**Subject:** Please inform Gordon PAC of proposed usage of Yellow School House

Dear Trustee Lombardi, Trustee Noble, and Superintendent Robinson

We are writing on behalf of the General Gordon PAC about the Gordon outbuilding, otherwise known as the Yellow School House.

We believe VSB is assessing one proposal resulting from the stay of demolition that was granted to allow consideration of alternative uses for the outbuilding, but we do not have any information on that proposal.

We request that VSB please inform the Gordon PAC of the proposed usage of the outbuilding, as soon as possible and in as much detail as allowable, and that we be kept up-to-date in a timely manner with any changes going forward.

The lack of news was discussed at length in our first PAC meeting of the school year on Monday 26th September, and parents were very concerned that the proposed usage may be counter to the interests of our children, who deserve the best playground we can reasonably provide. That PAC is committed to the new playground is demonstrated by the \$80,000 we have already spent on it.

Some uses of the outbuilding the parents will likely approve, such as a pre-school or childcare, given the benefit they would provide to the school community.

Other uses - of which we have heard worrying rumours - the parents will likely disapprove as counter to the interests of our children, and will favour instead, demolition of the outbuilding and development of the space as further playground, on what is acknowledged to be a very small site for an elementary school with Gordon's enrolment. The projected future enrolment for Gordon definitely warrants more space to breathe for the students. We understand the need to preserve heritage buildings but the health and safety of our children is our main concern.

We believe VSB has a duty to inform and consult with the Gordon school community before committing to any particular usage of the outbuilding, so that

parents can express their views.

Yours sincerely

Promita Abraham, PAC co-chair  
Victoria Stephens, PAC co-chair  
Frank Goodman, PAC secretary