

7:30 P.M.

## **Project Overview - Next Phase seismic process by Mark Ehman from DA Architect Firm & Cityscapes.**

### **Background**

1. School is a high Seismic Hazard
2. VBE gave approval for Gordon to be part of a Neighborhood Centre of Learning Development Project
3. DA Architect have been awarded a feasibility study (including estimated costs) to undertake a Preferred Concept Report which will get presented to VSB & Min of Ed.

### **DA Architect's team will consist of:**

- Architect (in business for 40 years, worked on Library square, Convention centre, Queen Mary & other heritage schools)
- Heritage Consultant: Robert Lemon
- Consultation Facilitator: Gwyn Symmons,
- Landscape Architect: Jonathan Losee
- Structural Engineer: Fadi Ghoreyab
- Geotechnical & Civil Engineers
- Quantity Surveyor

### **Proposed school area:**

Core school area 3600sm

NLC Area 663sm

**Total Area target 4263sm** (Current school is 4850sm,) aim of the new layout will allow net program area, including gym, library, classrooms etc will be expanded and reduce corridor areas. NLC space is meant to supplement school activities during school hours and be available out of school hours to support community activity.

The preferred plan outcome will have an impact on outdoor play space, but is unknown, however the overall property size will not be changed.

### **Two Advisory Teams will provide input:**

1. VBE General Gordon Project Team will provide strategic direction & provide oversight
2. GSAC - General Gordon School Advisor Committee will liaise with and obtain feedback from community (include Principle, 2x teachers, 2x PAC, JKC representation). First GSAC meeting, nominating Bill Uhrich & Emily Pickett, Jean Gordon seconded.

## **Communication & Consultation will be managed via a website:**

www to be confirmed

### **Timeline (9 months):**

Jan / Feb - Collect data on the existing building, workshops with GSAC

Mar/June - Plan concepts & initial consultation

May-June - Present preferred concept options, with favored option presented at an open house in May, web survey

June-Oct - Feedback from open house in June presented to the board with any revisions required from the open house. Cost preferred solution

Oct-Nov - Write & submit report

**goal: produce a Project Definition Report by October 2011**

### **Final decision rests with Ministry of Education**

Timescale for actual build minimum of 2-3 years.

### **Other PAC Items:**

Cash Cards excellent fundraiser- 1/31/11 last day to order cash cards for Feb. Post dated cheques are accepted.

100th Year Anniversary - Kitsilano Boys band will play. Evening Jun17th 6pm-10pm. Have Decade rooms and aim to get Alumni to return and man rooms. Music & Fine Arts .

Spring Fling to continue as usual.

Meeting Feb 16th 5-6pm to discuss - child care will be provided for the meeting.

ADHD - Parent info meeting to be held with Bayview school. Date to be announced.

Critical Thinking discussed at Pro D day. How to create a community of 'thinkers' with skills to make decisions, consider the media and better manage themselves. Gordon will focus on 6 key elements of Critical Thinking:

- Open minded, Persistence, Empathic, Self reflective, Respectful, Inclusive.

Margaret will add information to the newsletter. The Critical Thinking Consortium TC2 will be used for class exercises etc.

Year Round Schooling - Maple Ridge practicing year round schooling. Gordon has been approached as a pilot school to trial Year Round schooling. Long summers originally set up for farming community. Margaret will attend the meetings to gain information about the idea and present back, no commitment has been made. Current thinking is that a group of schools would need to do it in the community to make it work, e.g. Co-ordination of JKC, siblings at Kits High on different time frames etc.