

On behalf of the DPAC Facilities Committee, I, Vik Khanna, DPAC Member At Large, would like to make a motion for the DPAC Executive to arrive at the minimum that must be incorporated by the Trustees into the VSB Long Range Facilities Plan and write a letter to the Trustees accordingly.

Proposed Letter:

Dear Trustees,

Hi! We have been working on gathering feedback from PACs and parents on the LRFP and the DPAC Executive would like to have a dedicated meeting with all Trustees to ensure communication of DPAC's feedback to Trustees is fully understood. Please reach out to set up that meeting on or before Oct 16th, 2020 prior to the VSB Facilities Committee meeting taking place on Oct 21st, 2020. Here's our written feedback:

Given the overarching importance of a Long Range Facilities Plan and the flexibility afforded by the latest Ministry LRFP Guidelines, the DPAC Executive believes that the Trustees must incorporate the following into the LRFP:

- 1. A true "Long Range" vision that exceeds 10 years.**
- 2. A planning methodology based on where kids live and will live.**
- 3. An explicit articulation of capacity targets.**

In addition, given the massive disruption caused by past LRFPs which have acted as "Closure Lists", DPAC advocates changing Board Policy #14 to ensure that any closure decision provides more than a full school year notice to families that will be impacted by the closure. We believe this change needs to be made before an LRFP is approved.

For background purposes, the above is the minimum that the DPAC Executive believes must be incorporated in order to have a successful LRFP. These have come out of DPAC Facilities Committee's Vision & Values for a LRFP process and here is the latest working draft presented at the Sept 24th, 2020 DPAC General Meeting:

- Put Kids First, Today & Tomorrow
Imagine: What is the best for our kids education winning over short term financial thinking; Education is an investment.
- Public Education as 1st Choice
Imagine: No parent ever having to pick a local private school over a further public school
- Long-Term Thinking & Planning; Think out to 25 to 40 years
Why: 10 years is not "long range"
- Integrate equity as a core principle for planning VSB facilities

Imagine: The VSB assesses the social impacts of all facilities decisions, including impacts on reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, the cultural safety of vulnerable communities, drop-out rates for at-risk populations and child poverty.

- Local Schools; Make core decisions based on where kids live and will live
Why: Any long term education facilities plan necessarily must be based on where the kids are.
- Partner with City of Vancouver on “Vancouver Plan”
Imagine: Projections for future neighbourhood school populations are determined in partnership with the City of Vancouver & Vancouver Plan can drive family-friendly density to low-enrollment schools, while taking steps to avoid the displacement of low-income populations.
- Safe Routes: Walk, Cycle, Roll to/from School
Imagine: A School Board that ensures all children have designated safe routes to school in partnership with the City. Most families choose to walk, cycle, and roll because it's safe, fun, secure, and convenient at school and on the way.
- Education that is Well Rounded: Capacity & Equity
Imagine: We treat the spaces required for a total education as essential
- Build Resilience: Set per school capacity targets & district capacity targets
Why: Without capacity planning/targets, we are planning for 100% capacity
- Equity of Arts, Technology, Sports
Imagine: All kids, regardless of PAC ability to fundraise, get rounded education
- Equity of Applied Skills & Choice Programs
Imagine: Having access to special programs across all zones of the City
- Show Leadership
Why: Advocate for changes to flawed policies that put money before kids
- Serious Sustainability
Imagine: Really care so “lowest costs” exclude the extra \$ for Sustainability
- Seismic Options
Imagine: Thinking outside the box: Rightsizing, Incentivize Consolidations by going beyond BC Area Standards, Non-Traditional Design, Community Partnerships
- Innovation & Consultation on Leasing Land & Assets
Imagine: CSF site, movie studio, mixed educational/commercial/residential

We look forward to engaging in conversation and the Trustees adopting the minimum DPAC suggested requirements for a successful LRFP.

Best Regards,

Chair