



Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Lord Roberts Annex and Virtual ([Zoom](#))

Meeting Facilitator: Stephanie Kromschroder

Attendees: Lindsey Angell, Bojana Stankovic, Jenna O'Neill, Tom O'Neill, Lindsay Sutton, Laurie Sutton, Jesse Ross, Brody Kitsch, Kate Busby, Tessa Diaczun, Alyssa Gibbs, Sarah Dunbar, Marnie Cochrane, Kathrin Muller, Ana Alonso

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Land Acknowledgement at 6:35 pm
2. Approval of Agenda – M/S/C
3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting – M/S/C
4. Business Arising from Last Meeting:
 - a. Welome VSB (Lori Thomsen, district principal; Kerry Chuah, project manager; and Jessie Gresley-Jones, executive director, facilities)
 - b. Update from VSB
 - I. Construction Timeline:
 - The project remains on track for a September 2025 move-in date. This timeline aligns with the start of the new school year, meaning students will begin classes in the new building at the start of the 2025 academic year.
 - Current Construction Status: Drywall is currently being installed, and flooring materials have already arrived on-site. The majority of the electrical and mechanical work has been completed. External work is also underway.
 - II. Community and Infrastructure Coordination: The project is a collaborative effort between the Vancouver School Board (VSB) and the City of Vancouver. The city is working on cycling access and youth safety improvements around the school, including plans to enhance pedestrian and cycling routes to ensure safe access for students.
 - III. Enrollment Strategy:
 - Coal Harbour School will be a K-7 school upon opening. The new school will accommodate students from the existing Lord Roberts and Roberts Annex schools.



- An email will soon be sent to all current families at Lord Roberts and Roberts Annex, asking them to indicate their school preference for the upcoming school year.
- To complete the enrollment preference form, parents will need their child's nine-digit PEN (Personal Education Number). This number can be found on the child's report card or obtained from the school office.
- Priority for Roberts Annex Students: Students currently enrolled at Roberts Annex will be given priority for placement at the new school. However, families can express a preference to move to Lord Roberts if they wish. Availability at Lord Roberts is dependent on overall enrollment.
- Sibling Enrollment and Preferences: Sibling priority will be factored into the enrollment process. Families with children currently enrolled at both Lord Roberts and Roberts Annex will have the opportunity to indicate their preference for keeping their children together at one school.
- Form Submission and Deadlines: The form to indicate preferences will need to be submitted within two weeks of receiving the email. Parents were reminded to ensure that all information, especially the PEN, is entered correctly, as the form system does not have built-in validation.

IV. Playground and Outdoor Space Development:

- Dual-Use Playground: The playground will remain a public park under the jurisdiction of the Vancouver Park Board but will also be used by the school during school hours. This means the space will serve both the local community and the school students, though concerns were raised about managing public access during school time.
- Concerns about Shared Space: Several parents expressed concerns about the lack of a full enclosure for the playground, particularly for younger students and those with special needs. The playground will have some safety features, including railings along the waterfront, but will not be fully fenced.
- Fundraising Needs: The VSB will contribute \$195,000 to the project. However, this will likely be insufficient to cover the total cost of the playground and park enhancements. As a result, fundraising efforts will be necessary to close the funding gap.
- Construction Timeline for the Playground: Construction of the playground will be, at earliest, summer of 2026.

V. Safety and Accessibility Concerns:

- Safety Features: Railings will be installed along the waterfront to prevent students from accessing dangerous areas. Discussions with the Park Board are ongoing regarding the potential for additional safety measures



along Hastings Street, which include more visible barriers to prevent students from wandering into traffic.

- Playground Supervision: School supervisors will closely monitor the playground during recess and lunch to ensure student safety. However, given the open nature of the park, some parents expressed concerns about public interaction with students during playtime.
- Shared Use of Playground with Public: Questions were raised about how the school will manage interactions with tourists or local community members using the park during school hours.

5. Reports:

a. Teacher – Jennifer Wyss

- Thank you to the PAC for funding the VSO field trip and for the pumpkins.
- We have booked hoop dancers to perform at the school in January.
- Jennifer and Amber are discussing the process for requested non-fiction book donations for the library and will provide the PAC with further details.

6. Reminders/Upcoming Events

- a. Pizza Day – Friday October 18th
- b. Movie Night – Friday October 18th at 5:30 pm
- c. Next PAC meeting – Thursday November 21st at 6:30 pm

7. Adjourn at 8:05 pm