

Special Meeting of Edith Cavell Parent Advisory Council regarding Seismic Mitigation Project

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Edith Cavell PAC held on Monday, October, 29, 2019 at 6pm in Room 206.

- 1. Welcome and Sign in (120 members signed in)**
- 2. Summary of VSB/Vancouver Project Office (VPO)'s current proposal of Cavell's Seismic Mitigation Project (SMP)**

Presentation/Review of Voting Rules and Introduction – [For Presentation Click Here](#)

Discussion Points/Comments:

- There have been two meetings of the seismic committee. An unofficial FB page has been started.
- Some concern of bias in wording on social media. Opinion of individuals in social media does not represent opinion of all PAC members.
- Meeting with Kingsford Smith community about their current mitigation – stressful, unhappy and difficult to balance bus schedule.

Summary of information gathered by Seismic Committee to date. *Reference public documents attached under Seismic tab of Cavell PAC website

Presentation of Cavell Seismic Upgrade - Brenda (Will add link for presentation)

Discussion Points/Comments:

- Parent expressed survey was biased. Committee agrees that it was not a perfect survey- survey results were not sent out to PAC for just this reason; rather presented verbally at this meeting where concerns could be voiced/heard. Please volunteer if you can help with the wording of future surveys.
- Many schools had parent- driven seismic committee before announcement of project; this may have been reason for their successes in changing course
- Kingsford Smith – has been in swing sites (Champlain Heights and McCorkindale) for 1 school year so far -> delayed because of upgraded windows.
- No transparency for Cavell on what cost of other option for seismic mitigation was
- Huge problem with losing Cavell community – parent suggested to delay upgrade and use closer swing site. Kathy O'Sullivan says each month we delay, it takes out 60-70K from budget. There may be other swing site possibilities.
- Coriolis report – providing 47 school analysis. 2011 Cavell listed in poor condition
- Architect did plan for seismic upgrade and rebuild. Rebuild will cost \$6M more
- Discussed Queen Mary seismic – QM left with no landscape budget and had issues with portables. Ministry will not fund portables.
- Tried consulting with city of Vancouver – no response

- No transparency in process. Committee has tried asking for project definition report however, they say that it is 300 page and can't provide report. Tennyson has a summary project definition report that we can try to ask for.
- Hamber rebuild will be smaller according to email from Hamber PAC representative today

4. Review of DRAFT Motion

Original Motion

Motion: Rachel Lewis

Seconded: Kevin Harris

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Specifically, the Seismic committee will:

1. *Meet and liaise with VSB Trustees, VSB Committee II, VPO, Ministry of Education (MOE), media or public, as needed to increase transparency and parent consultation for our Cavell SMP*
1. *Liaise with VSB, VSB Committee II VPO and Field Principal O Sullivan's team to achieve a closer and/or single temporary accommodation (Swing site).*
2. *Act on behalf of the PAC as necessary to achieve upgrade- with-expansion or new build +/- expansion.*

Discussion points/comments:

- Concern that the wording in motion does not include "No delays". To allow the committee the flexibility for negotiation and to not "box in" the committee, the wording of "no delays" is left out. However, the committee understands that the PAC membership does not want to incur any delays to the seismic schedule.
- Communication – committee will communicate with the PAC regularly
- Discuss about whether the VPO has looked behind the walls of the building. Lori responded that they have as part of the analysis
- Comment by parent that the Jamieson project finished earlier than scheduled
- Concern about the wording "Act on behalf" and the communication to PAC. Committee needs the autonomy and flexibility to respond quickly on behalf of the PAC.
- Comment to include discussions with after school care (DP and Cambie Montessori)
- Comment to aim to have solution before February so parents can make decisions about after school care.
- There are 21 members in seismic committee. 145 members have indicated on survey that they want to help. Parent asked for list of who is on committee. Experience of committee members. Committee will seek outside advice if they do not have the expertise
- Comment to use professional and collaborative language with the different parties in committee work.
- Comment that Cavell can be put as last priority
- Question about usual split of children between two swing sites – Lori answered KS is K-3 and 3-7. Every year is different based on enrollment. Will look in April

Revised Motion

Motion: Allison Tredwell / Brigitte Gemme

Seconded: Kelly Hishon

Vote: 52 in favor. Motion Failed. (Did not meet 50% required vote. 118 in attendance at time of vote)

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- iii. Liaise and advocate with VPO, VSB Trustees, MOE, and others as necessary to explore options and/or pursue the possibility of a concurrent expansion or new build.
- iv. . Liaise and advocate with VPO, VSB Trustees, MOE, DP, Cambie Montessori, and others as necessary to explore options of keeping siblings together, of bus supervision and safety, and before and after school care.

Revised Motion - PASSED

Motion: Derek Knoechel

Seconded: Steve (?Meadows)

Voted by Majority (7 opposed). Motion Passed

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- iii. Act on behalf of the PAC as necessary to achieve upgrade- with-expansion or new build with or without expansion.
- iv. iv. Liaise and advocate with VPO, VSB Trustees, MOE, Douglas Park, Cambie Montessori, and others as necessary to explore options of keeping siblings together, of bus supervision and safety, and before and after school care.

Motion for leadership of seismic committee – Brenda Brown as chair

Motion: Rachel Lewis

Seconded: Chenoa Pamer

All in favor. Passed