

School Principal:

Lanny Young

Chair of NVSD Finance and
Facilities Committee:

Sandy Fleming, Trustee

Welcome



Meeting Facilitator:

Graham Farstad, MA, MCIP
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Agenda

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| 3. Background on Ridgeway
Project Process | Ian Abercrombie,
NVSD Director of Facilities and Planning |
| 4. Project Architect Update | Mark Ehman,
Downs/Archambault & Partners |
| 5. Ridgeway Heritage Committee | Linda Buchanan |
| 6. City of North Vancouver Update | Gary Penway, CNV City Planner |
| 7. Questions to Speakers to
Clarify Available Options | Meeting Facilitator Graham Farstad |

Break (8:15 p.m.)

8. Stakeholder input
- *Questionnaire
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Director of Facilities and Planning,
School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)

North Vancouver School District Presentation

Background on Ridgeway Project Process

- School District intent
- Physical issues regarding the existing building
- Timing of project
- Funding Envelope and Heritage Considerations

The School Board desires to find an affordable solution that meets school and community needs.

- No decision has been made on a replacement or renovation option.
- School District acknowledges historical significance of Ridgeway School to the community.
- Existing building is near the end of its useful life. For health and safety of building occupants there is a need to select a renewal option now.
- Before the School Board can commit to any of the heritage upgrade options, the Board requires certainty that:
 - Any upgrade includes a thorough and complete renewal of building systems.
 - The option selected is within the funding envelope.
 - Additional funding for heritage renovation is guaranteed to be available when required and does not put the School District at risk.

Physical Issues regarding the existing building – requirement for a long-term solution:

- Ministry of Education requires, at minimum, a 50 to 60 year building life expectancy.
- Project needs to be more comprehensive than simply a “seismic upgrade”.
- A piecemeal approach to restoration cannot be contemplated.

Timing of Project:

- In 2004 the Ministry of Education approved a Renovation/Replacement project.
- 12 options were created and costed. The least expensive option is to build a new school and demolish the existing school. Ministry policy dictates the lowest cost option is used to determine the “funding base”.
- Ministry of Education has set March 2008 as the earliest possible date for “Project Agreement”.
- 10 to 12 months of further design work must be completed prior to entering into Project Agreement with the Ministry of Education.

Funding for Heritage Restoration:

- We need to determine without delay if \$4 to 7 million of secure funding can be found to augment the “funding base” for a heritage option.
- The School District is under pressure from the Ministry of Education to fund a portion of it’s educational Capital priorities. Heritage restoration is not considered an educational Capital priority by the Ministry.
- The School District has met with the City of North Vancouver to review creative funding options to pay for heritage restoration – including:
 - rezoning School District properties to a higher density than could be reasonably anticipated in the Official Community Plan
 - Initiating a municipal referendum to raise money
 - Developing a portion of the Ridgeway School site for housing
- The Board will consider the above funding options if additional money is guaranteed when required and does not put the School District at risk.



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