

Requested Report from three BKS Individuals Present at Dec 18 meeting
(Also Response from Geeta on the Report in RED font)

Dec 27, 2011)

Three BKS individuals: Jasvinder Singh-Vice Principal, Inderpreet Singh-Teacher and Amritpal Singh-Father
The three were at the Dec 18 meeting. They heard all but did not speak

Date: Mon, 26 Dec 2011 13:57:13 -0500

Subject: Fwd: Process to resolve the expansion of the Library Wall
From: harb.nayar@gmail.com
To: geetahl@hotmail.com

Geeta Ji,
Do you feel what is being requested can be delivered both in the short term (say 4-6 months) **Yes!!** and long term (say 6 to 36 months)? **Yes!!**
Please comment where ever you feel like in the e-mail below.
Harbhajan

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From: **inderpreet singh** <i_singh@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, Dec 26, 2011 at 1:47 PM
Subject: RE: Process to resolve the expansion of the Library Wall
To: Harbhajan Singh Nayyar <harb.nayar@gmail.com>, jasvinder@aol.com, Amrit Veerji <amrit72@gmail.com>

Dear Harbhajan veerji
Vaheguru ji ka khalsa Vaheguru ji ki fateh

Here is a summary of the meeting:
(Amrit veerji and Jasvinder veerji, please add-in if I have missed anything)

Attendees: Amritpal Singh, Jasvinder Singh, Inderpreet Singh
Date: 12/26/2011
Meeting duration: ~45-minutes.

6-agenda items as mentioned by Harbhajan veerji in the email were discussed.

Outcome: All attendees agreed to the library expansion with a 'YES' vote. All attendees agreed that expansion work must happen with no disruption **No Disruption!!** to the school classes and space issues of khalsa must be dealt with as discussed earlier with Dr. Nayyar. **Space Issues to be handled by Nayyar Ji**

Details:

1) School should not be disrupted by the construction work that will happen as part of library expansion plan. Work area must be cleaned off of any construction debris when wall expansion work is completed before the start of the school - inside and outside of the library. **No disruption and clean-up Will be done** As a result of expansion, more room in the library will be utilized by classes that are being held in the library. Max wall space on the hall side must be provided and if a single door can be kept within safety regulations, that would be preferred. khalsa school does see a loss of natural light that will occur as a result of the wall expansion. **Good point about some loss of natural light, but dont know any solution to this point.. any suggestions?**

2) We don't think there is an immediate benefit to the khalsa school kids of the library expansion program but it does add value to overall sangat in the long run. The benefits will be realized over time. Any upgrade that may be planned for inside the library such as shelving, furniture, reading area setup - must be consulted with khalsa school so as not to disrupt the classes that are being taken inside the library area. **As of now, we are planning on shelving that will be attached to the walls, (as before) plus one or two tables and chairs in the middle of the library, which, if needed, can be removed during School hours and put back at the end of the classes.** Wall expansion will provide the opportunity to have a good library that is usable but wall expansion is not the only road block in having a good library. **100% agreed..it is certainly not the only road block, but it will enhance the library greatly.** Wall expansion does pose space challenges for khalsa school for future expansion so those issues must be dealt with by WC as the need arises.

3) Safety issues: All the construction material during the expansion of wall including things like nails that can cause injury to the school kids must be cleaned off immediately. **Will be done.** Two doors as planned due to safety requirements are fine but if safety requirements can be met with one door that would be preferable. The other option could be to open the second door towards the exit side of the wall so as to have the longest wall that can be utilized by school for hanging student work and otherwise as required by school. **This option appears to be very doable.. will bring it to contractor's attention.**

4) This is a hypothetical situation but we don't rule out the benefits that will be established by the library. Library maintenance must be consistent on a regular basis in order to get the most of the benefits and does not stop at the wall expansion. **Maintenance will be on-going, consistently. If we encounter problems from certain segments, we will bring it to WC's attention for arbitration.** If the environment can be kept consistently friendly, the usage would definitely go up. Quality of reference material, newspapers, books along with organization such as proper indexing, book checkout/check-in process must be maintained at all times and enhanced through usage of electronic means such as having the catalog on the internet. **That is our original goal and vision of a good high quality library. Will be computerized gradually and maintained...that is our promise.** It is strongly suggested to keep the free Indian newspapers, due to their poor content and for hygiene purposes, out of the library. **The free newspapers will not be a part of the library... contents of library is to promote and educate everyone about Sikhs, Sikhism and Sikh History.**

5) High quality library will definitely be used more and more if the proper maintenance can be kept at all times and system be in place to run it like a library. The benefits to senior citizen community appears to be immediate and with their help a system should be put in place so as to take the benefits of library beyond khalsa school which is only conducted on sunday. **Yes! Computerized System will gradually be in place and maintenance will be strictly followed. And we strongly encourage senior citizens to give us suggestions so that we can incorporate their ideas for their benefit. A library corner Page can be set up on the website for suggestions, or to disseminate information. I have already sent out this feasibility request to the WebMaster.**

6) More space will definitely help but the quality of material, maintenance and overall organization makes-up essential ingredients in order to make it a high quality library. **Yes, Yes, and Yes to all 3 points :)**

Other important items: An important issue of poor lighting in the old hall was raised. Also major electric issues such as full lights can not be turned on without turning on the fans. We request WC to get these building and lighting issues resolved at the earliest. Although we agreed that these are beyond the library wall expansion project. We would like to add another request to WC to also look into getting a sprinkler system added to the Old Hall because the Hall is packed with our precious children during Khalsa School. And Fire Drills should be practiced periodically.

Vaheguru ji ka khalsa vaheguru ji k ifateh.

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa!! Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh!!

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Thanks,

Inderpreet Singh

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