

The project management team for the École Lakay project has been meeting diligently the past two months via conference call and face-to-face meetings wherever possible. The team is comprised of:

- Team Leader, Paul Charette, Chair of the Board, [Bird Construction](#)
- [Association de la construction du Québec](#), represented by Pierre Hamel
- [British Columbia Construction Association](#), represented by Manley McLachlan
- Canadian Construction Association, represented by Pierre Boucher
- Special Advisor (legal), Yvan Houle, [BLG](#)
- Special advisor (design – seismic considerations), Andrew Chad, [Fast + Epp](#) Structural Engineers
- Project oversight and monitoring services, Neil Griggs & Brian Boone, [Builders without Borders](#)

Update on School Capacity and Size

Through their communications with the school owners and management - the Rinaldi Foundation and the Salesian Order/ Mission - it has been determined that following a needs assessment (functional plan), the school now must service a population of some 150 students. Previously, the school held only 80 students.

A new design calls for a 2,200 square metre complex with concrete block on the first floor and a steel frame on the second. The structure consists of an L-shaped building (i.e. building A) and a smaller square building joined via a roof that fits inside the L-shape (i.e. building B).

Additional Fundraising Underway

As one can imagine, the increased size of the project has raised the cost to approximately \$1.3 million. Thanks to continuing donations, an additional \$130,000 dollars has already been pledged, and another \$100,000 is expected. Further fundraising efforts are underway in order to ensure that the school is built to the satisfaction of the Canadian construction industry.

Next Mission in Mid-September

Although the scope of the project has increased, the project management team is confident in its design, and its functional plan. The geo-tech report has been completed and reviewed, and during the upcoming mission to Haiti, the task force will meet with possible contractors and begin the selection process of site supervisors.

Further updates and pictures will be available following the upcoming mission, which is taking place the week of September 18, 2011.