

Caroline Elementary School
Building Site Based Council

Chairperson: Amy/Kathy F.
Facilitator: Alaine
Timekeeper: Danielle/Janice

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1. Introductions:

Alaine Troisi: Principal Danielle Rottenstein: Grade 5
Amy Seldin: Specialist Judy Steel: Grade 1 Julie Wells: Grade 2
Jocelyn Blizzard: Specialist Sarah Christen: Parent Gary Stewart: Parent Rep
Tanya Engst: Parent Rep Judy Maxwell : Board Member
Chuck Bartosh: Community member Sarah Tarrow: Parent Rep

Meeting because of playground. Everything is going. Big toys going swings going. Currently staying: only new part by Parkitects. Our playground found on Parkitects website.

Pre-K has 30,000: They are organizing their own. Came up with the example on page 126 (see manual) and will make some mods. That takes care of their 30,000.

We are going with Parkitects because we already have part of their structure, they are local, Steve is a landscape architect, all parts from USA. He can come Monday, but that might be too soon. We should come up with a date to discuss from parents. He will be in town to talk to him. Possible dates: Friday at 2:15 or Monday at 2:15

Go to playsi.com to see students interacting with structures.

Process: What we are seeking is input final decision is the district. Vision end of May to have a family build. (150,000 not sure what that includes 30,000 is separate)
Rushing it because we are going to be under construction. Should be about 2 and half weeks to make the plan.

Does the school district have any goals for the playground? No

Does the school have a vision? Alaine's Vision: upper body and lower body activities and handicap accessible. We have free range; get staff, parent and child input.

Amy's Vision: Idea is a separate structure for climbing and upper body, in separate space i.e. hemisphere climb for the reasons they can climb, and can't fall and land on another piece of the structure. Maybe a zip line straight track, but it might only last a short time. Swings pg 177 kinesthetic workout. Where our swings are a bad part to be on the playground. Maybe a flatter structure pg 42. You don't run through the area because our stage is taken away. Lots of slides, wheel chair accessible. As a supervisor you can see many things. Covered areas, worried about vandalism, icicles. What about spinners? Are they too dangerous? We don't want too many, but it is tactile and kinesthetic.

Goals: Tactile, swings, slides, easy to supervise, careful about the low areas, shade, upper body, handicap accessible, cooperative play, climbing, monkey bars, free imaginary play, aesthetically pleasing, trees

Questions for Steve Lawson: Can bees get into the structures? Which structures are best for wet, cold? What should flooring be made of?

Does the district have risk management protocols. District works with the company.

We need to think about winter climbing. A rock wall will not work as good

If we are not into structure tag we should think of things that are hard to play structure tag.

Maybe have different pictures for students to choose from to put their input in.

Next Steps: Find out from Steve if he can meet Friday or Monday at 2:15

Teachers will talk to students after vacation.

Make flyer for backpack mail and building use form (liz flyer, parents)

PTA meeting on Tuesday 2/5 to explain what the process is and plan another meeting from their input. Thursday will be the meeting.

Meeting on 25th with Steve

Need to finalize the dates.

Big posters and use sticky notes so people can make comments.

Why is it not district not bidding out. Discussion at District level. We already have part of it here. BJM's not in the US not local and does not mesh with what we have here. We need to have that speech ready for parents.

Other building activities: After last day of school building will be shut down for renovations, green buildings, lights and ventilation will run on sensors, 3 new boilers building closed because they need to abate the boiler room. Back will be done first. More classrooms in the back prepare for doubling up. Adding 20 new parking spaces, fire access lane around the building. There will be chains to keep regular cars from going back there. Sidewalk and trees that are already there will stay. Can we have a sidewalk all the way around the new parking lot.

Sarah will send to list serve inviting parents to PTA meeting