

Caroline Elementary School
Building Site Based Council

Chairperson: Amy/Judy
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1. Introductions:

Alaine Troisi: Principal Danielle Rottenstein: Grade 5
Nancy Helms: After school Steve Lawson: Landscape architect and Parkitects
Amy Seldin: Specialist Judy Steel: Grade 1 Julie Wells: Grade 2
Jocelyn Blizzard: Specialist Sarah Christen: Parent
Tanya Engst: Parent Rep Judy Maxwell : Board Member Sarah Tarrow: Parent Rep

Concern for why we are using Parkitects vs others? This is what was decided
Jodi Denman wants to know why her father's business Kompan was not asked. Last time we worked with an architect who brought in Parkitects and that is how we came to use Parkitect.

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. All arguments are a good ones but overall consensus is that the decision makes perfect sense. Had a great experience using this company before and it will be a quick process so our students can enjoy it. There is no requirement to put out bid. But the bid is done and Parkitects holds the bid from the state two years ago. Steve says you can use all different people Kompan is not bided from the state contract.

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, minimize bees, Passive play.

Question/Answer

Is there a way to add on to what we already have? Yes

Can we change one of the parts of the structure that will be staying? Yes

Do bees like plastic? They like nooks; it is all about the design

Can we have water? Expensive

Watering tree issues? What about the construction. We should probably due it this summer.

How can the community build be a part of the prep? The district has agreed to clear and prepare site. Parents will install equipment and flooring (gravel) can the chips be polluted from the structure. At the Ellis Hollow pre k we had to repaint and seal and haul out bark chips because it was contaminated. We should have ours documented. That chemical is not in the round post structure.

Is there a way to get more pics? Yes there is a CD will get it to you

What forms of feedback would be useful? Brought examples of classroom design projects. (See attached) Ex: top 10 lists, poster collage. Have the classroom choose as a whole

Simple school wide voting process. Different categories each student gets that specific amount of stickers. Will meet with the class as well. (Take through different scenarios)

Can we have a wall ball wall? It is a lot more technical then it looks.

When we talk to parents do you start with the goals. Steve says that it is best to get the real grit from the students. Steve talks about what we have already and what they think about that. Play equip is only on part of what needs to be talked about. (Passive play, equipment play, hard court and open field)

Are there other goals that we have not touched upon? No

There is a lot of new play equipment that is not as liner we now have very sculptural 3D we can look at a wide variety. You do not need just 1 big thing anymore. You can have more of a variety and arrange it properly to be safe. Want to preserve open space.

Is there a problem with snow and icicles on fabric? Have not heard about that

Working with Landscape Structures that assess carbon that was used and plant x number of trees to make up for it

RPM? They are great, the only problem is the trees that they are growing for reforestation, not really for playground. They are not growing the trees big enough for what we would need. It is a very cool process.

Maintenance? The Spider Web has been down for four years. We can turn around parts quickly usually 48 hrs Good warranty. 1% per parts program and we can work directly with Parkitects.

Are there options for floor surfaces? Two conflicting codes. Engineer wood fiber scores great but needs to be topped off 1\$ square foot. Wood chips out of rubber more expensive small amount of steel, color wears off 5\$ square foot. Pored rubber, about 10 dollars a square foot. No perfect surface. Dollar for dollar wood chips. We can do combination surfaces. Rubber pathways through the fibers.

Sagai: After school wellness program. Letting our school's know that Parkitects are willing to help with that. Good thing for PTA to start.

Oldest playground on third and fifth Cascadilla. That is the first playground they made 12 yrs.

Newest at Southside community center. (Has passive play area for checkers)

Lansing Schools

Dryden all three elementary

Casavant 8yr old and 2yr old playground they look the same.

Freeville

Newfield the one on the hill by the ball field 8-10 yr old

Swimming pool 6yr old

Ithaca has done pre k at bell Sherman

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Next meeting the Monday 25th unless meeting. Steve will come with some ideas.