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Faywood Arts-Based Curriculum School Toronto District School Board (TDSB)

Our File: 1528

Playground Redevelopment

GROUP DESIGN MEETING #1

Meeting Date: December 15th, 2015 @ 10:00am

Minutes Issued: January 8th, 2016

Present:

Elizabeth Schaeffer, Principal	TDSB	elizabeth.schaeffer@tdsb.on.ca
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The results of the meeting are as follows:

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1. General Overview:

Aileen explained the TDSB process for moving forward with design and implementation of the playground improvements. The project budget is currently \$130K (incl. \$110K dedicated by City Councilor through Section 37 funding and \$20K from the school). The supply cost for play equipment will be targeted at \$35-40K. It is anticipated that detailed design and pricing will be completed in the winter, for construction to be completed in summer 2016.

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2. Discussion:

The group discussed the condition of the current playground area and priorities for improvements. The following points were made:

- a) The existing larger plays structure is currently in decent shape and still well-used. VFA will explore 2 options for the new playground layout; one that includes the existing play structure with new equipment to supplement it, and one that shows it being replaced with all new equipment. VFA to contact playground supplier (Gametime) to determine if components can be added to the existing structure.
- b) The dome climber and existing timber sandbox are not as well-used play elements and shall be removed as part of this project.
- c) The new play equipment should be targeted for ages 5-12 years, and should offer inclusive play opportunities, accessible-friendly elements and a variety of challenging activities. It was noted that the new play equipment should be suitable for use by children with cochlear implants. It was also suggested to switch the existing plastic

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slide to a steel one (or add a new steel slide) to provide a static-free alternative. INFO/VFA

d) The existing timber playground edges will be removed and replaced with rolled asphalt curbs, to provide barrier-free access into the playground area. The school would like to continue to use engineered wood fibre safety surfacing (which could be salvaged and re-used, if possible). VFA

e) The existing bench in the playground could be relocated (if necessary), and a new bench added if possible. The existing seating boulders could be relocated outside of the playground area. INFO

f) It was observed that there are no catch basins within close proximity to the playground area. A new soak-away pit may be required for drainage within the playground area. The existing playground area appears to be draining well at this time. INFO

3. Next Steps:

a) VFA will move ahead with developing two options for the playground layout (showing all new play equipment and retaining the existing larger play structure) and preliminary cost estimate. VFA to also provide a fee proposal for design services. VFA

b) The school committee will prepare a “wish list” of desired playground elements to Aileen. (The committee will identify any special needs/requirements of the student population that should be accommodated with the new play equipment.) VFA will later include this wish list in a request for proposals, which will be issued to the TDSB approved playground vendors. The wish list items and two options for the playground layout will be reviewed at the next meeting, prior to soliciting proposals from vendors. TDSB/SAC

c) The next meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, January 13th, 2016 @ 2:00pm.** INFO

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