

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE STATUS UPDATE

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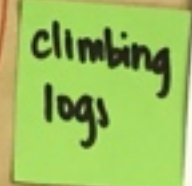
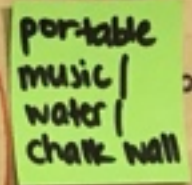
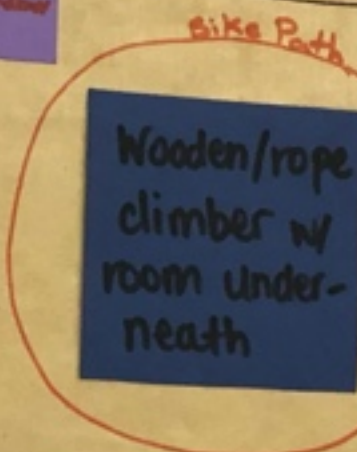
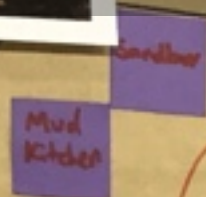
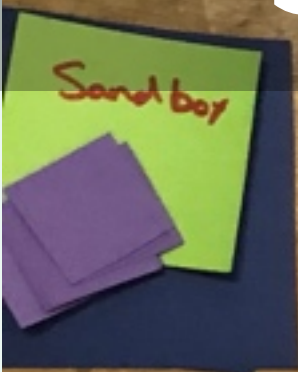
BACKGROUND

- 4 members (Adrian, Jake, Jason, Matthew)
- met several times since the AGM
- surveyed existing space
- reviewed playground safety reports
- facilitated staff workshop

DESIGN GOALS

- more efficient use of space (zones)
- promote concepts of: learning/interaction/
making/growing
- create more shade
- address any safety issues
- encourage all-year/all-season outdoor play

STAFF WORKSHOP: SUMMARY



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- openness to change
 - excitement around rethinking/refreshing the playground
 - no great love for the current structure
 - interest in a structure where older kids could climb, and toddlers could play in a covered area underneath

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- ...but some things should be kept
 - sandbox and storage shed are essential
 - tricycles, mud kitchen are popular
- interest in a **quiet area**
 - a "cozy corner" with seating
 - *"some kids like to have some downtime. read a book..."*

STAFF WORKSHOP: SUMMARY

- idea of playground as a natural space
 - *"I love the trees that we have."*
 - *"We need more nature"*
 - enthusiasm for a garden

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- small changes could have a large impact
 - sound wall
 - "*science area*" (scale, funnels, containers)
 - teacher shelf with electrical outlet (for playing music)
 - create a loop around the play structure (for tricycles)

PROPOSED PHASES

PHASE 1 (PRO)

- demo existing play structure
- surfacing
- install larger structure/s
- plant tree/s

PHASE 2 (DIY)

- repair fence
- re-position sun shades
- level patio stones
- install smaller items (sound wall, benches, logs, sun shade, garden, playhouse, etc.)

NEXT STEPS

- Budget: How much money do we have?
Can we dip into the reserve fund?
- How to raise additional funds? Fundraising Committee?
- Identify potential contractors/installers, gather quotes for major elements of the design
- Create detailed playground design