



Carlisle Public Schools

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School Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 3:15 pm
Location: Zoom

Minutes

Members Present:

Matt Mehler
Dennet Sidell
Susan Fitzgerald
Liz Gray
Kieran Joshi
Jennifer Kaczinski
Chrisanthi Bethanis
Jenn Saak
Linda Vanaria
Brian Waterson

Members Absent:

Melissa Bilotta

1. Welcome

2. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

3. Approval of February Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the School Advisory Council Minutes of February 24, 2021 was made by Liz Gray and seconded by Kieran Joshi. The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Castle and Playground Subcommittee Update

Brian Waterson presented the Castle and Playground Subcommittee's work. Committee members are: Brian Waterson, Deepa Joshi, Jenn Kaczinski, Carrie Patel, and Linda Vanaria.

Questions and Comments from the SAC:

SAC members complimented and appreciated the thoroughness of the presentation. The timeline for the playground could be done in phases. We may need to have the area surveyed and the subcommittee will reach out to the playground companies to find out more. Some companies offered

the design as part of the process while others charged up to \$1,500. It was suggested that the presentation to the School Committee include possible questions they may ask. For instance, they will wish to understand maintenance fees, snow removal fees, etc. It was noted that it is also important to make clear that there will not be a request to the School Committee to fund this project.

5. Math Update

Dennet noted that the Math Committee has begun to meet and their goal is to identify math programs we are interested in bringing to Carlisle. The Math Committee is currently researching different programs that other districts are using as well as recommendations from the state.

Matt noted that this year the middle school has not used leveling for their math curriculum. He stated that they are discussing what will be done in the fall regarding leveling.

6. Returning to School, Fall 2021

Dennet stated that there are approximately eighty Family Choice Remote students returning this fall. He asked that Council members try to generate a few ideas on how to help these students feel comfortable returning to in-school classes.

7. Other Items

There were no other items discussed.

A motion to adjourn the SAC meeting was made by Kieran Joshi and seconded by Liz Gray. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Castle Playground Improvements Subcommittee

SAC Update
March 24, 2021



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Current Subcommittee

- Deepa Chungi
- Jenn Kaczinski
- Carrie Patel
- Linda Vanaria
- Brian Waterson

Minutes from Weekly Meetings can be found on School's Website:
<https://www.carisle.k12.ma.us/Page/1763>

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Scope of Subcommittee

- Define ideal scope of improvement project
- Understand any town limitations
- Establish a high level budget
- Begin to research grants and other funding sources

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Goals for Today

- Provide an update on research since our last meeting together
- Identify areas where SAC would like the subcommittee to explore further
- Plan for a discussion with the School Committee

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Project Phases

1 - Discovery

- Form steering committee
- Initial conversations with town boards to understand approval process
- Learn from similar projects
- Define scope

Validate with School Committee

2 - Design

- Design sessions with teachers, students and community
- Precise construction proposals
- Grant applications
- Fundraising planning

Validate with School Committee

3 - Approve

Regular School Committee Updates

- Fundraising
- Town approval process

4 - Build

Regular School Committee Updates

- Summer window

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Areas of Discovery



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School Needs

- Advising staff that this project is starting
- 30,000 foot survey to understand what CPS team would like to see underway this week



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Town Boards and Commissions

Need to Be Involved	Want to Be Involved	No Involvement Necessary
School Committee Planning Board Historic Commission	Recreation Commission	Select Board Conservation Commission

*Castle Playground: The Castle playground is utilized by younger students before, during and after school. The Castle is also widely used by families throughout the week and over the weekend. The Castle was initially constructed in 1988 and is in need of repair, to the extent that it might make sense to plan for replacement in the near future.

-Draft 2020 Open Space & Recreation Plan

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Neighboring Town Research



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Budgeting

	Community Build	Contractor Build
Leathers	\$475,000	\$900,000
Play by Design	\$350,000	TBC
O'Briens	\$500,000	TBC

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Budgeting

- Other Items to Factor
 - Topographical Survey / Landscape Architect
 - Dismantling Old Playground
 - Tree Removal
 - Playing Field
 - Landscaping

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Fundraising - Grants

- Carlisle Education Foundation
- Community Preservation Act
- Concord Carlisle Community Chest
- State Funds
- Multigenerational Grants



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Fundraising - Community

- Naming Rights
- Component Sponsorship
- Pickets / Bricks



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Community Outreach

- Limiting formal outreach at this time
- Reaching out to members of the original Castle project



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Next Steps


- Address questions coming from today's presentation
- Finalize project scope based off staff feedback
- Make presentation to School Committee and seek approval to move into Design phase

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- Broaden subcommittee membership with functional roles
- Greater community PR
- Schedule design sessions
- Produce a design with dialed-in budget numbers

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Questions and Comments



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