

Outdoor Classroom & Playground Improvement Committee Meeting

Monday September 23, 2019

Our goal: To create improvements to the outdoor space at Hebbville Academy to increase outdoor classroom learning opportunities and to improve the play space to encourage physical activity, imaginative play and exploration.

Brainstorming of ideas...

This meeting was about seating. We talked about the log benches we want to build in the lower playground area near the birch trees. We also talked about cleaning up a section of the woods behind the blue play structure. We will have a Saturday work party in early November.

We talked about how much use the new playground additions are getting like the GaGa Ball pit, the play house and the kitchen area. We talked about how great all the trees, bushes and plants are doing.

Education around the use of the outdoor additions

- Incorporate student learning about how to use the new outdoor spaces into Phys. Ed classes (4 square) and with classroom and PrePrimary classroom teachers (woods)

Improvement goals...

- create seating for a class (circle of benches)
- add a dirt/sand pile
- repave walkways
- create safe woods area
- improve trail (fill potholes, remove fallen branches, prune edges)

Delegated tasks ...

Janet - contact BES about their seating, create tab on school website

Emmi - start Community Health Grant application

Bre - contact Chester school re sidewalk game stencils

Leif - arrange a work day for NSCC class to prepare the wooded area / clear trail

Amber - dig up rhubarb and plant between pumpkin patch and telephone pole

Erin - contact loggers and excavators, report successes/thank you (SAC, H&S, families), connect with 5-9 staff/students for ideas for their side of the building

Next meeting

Monday October 21 @ 6pm in the PP-4 building