



Special PTO Executive Meeting Minutes
 Outdoor Classroom
 March 25, 2021
 9:00 a.m.

Speaker	Subject
<p>Elise Sparks & Gretchen Hanna (eliseagrnt@icloud.com and gretchen.bruemmer@gmail.com) Outdoor Classroom</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Goal is to be completely transparent and informative with the school community ● Two things hoping to accomplish today <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommendation for a designer ○ Budget ● Gretchen reached out to numerous companies. Some responded, some did not. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Believe <u>Nature Explorer</u> is the best fit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Experience with preK-6 ■ Local contractor ■ \$5200 for design plas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Half is due up front and half will be given upon completion ■ Could start in April ■ 6-8 week timeframe ■ 4 meeting schedule ■ Once we have plans drawn up we will have everything we need for a contractor to give us a bid ● When considering the materials we have to consider that Arizona is a harsh climate. Elise and Gretchen's recommendation is to spend the money up front so that it's not a long term upkeep project for the PTO/Grayhawk ● The other thing to consider is Shade over the amphitheatre. Every teacher asked for a shade structure. ● Budget: Realistic Spending <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$8-12/square foot- \$80,000-\$120,000 ○ \$40.000-60,000 basic construction

- \$10,999-20,000 Appropriate materials for AZ environment
- \$20,000-25,000- furnishings and loose parts
- \$16,000-20,000- Shade sails
- Believe you need to hire one contractor, one time for the best outcome
- Once we do the groundwork at first we can layer on later over time as long as we have the appropriate surfaces installed.
- Tina and Tricia sat down and looked at the budget for this year and made an estimate as to where we will be at the end of this year. At this point they estimated that we would have about \$75,000 that we could use for this project. That holds \$25,000 for reserves.
- Lisa: Agrees to do it all at once if we have the money. Phases become problematic. In terms of materials, she asked if we have considered Tracks. Gives the wood look but holds up over the seasons.

- Fundraising

- Classroom donation- have a section allocated for Outdoor Classroom
- Spring T-shirt sale specific for outdoor classroom
- Plan sale
- Capsule Bracelet/necklace sales
- Not everything has to be done by Contractors
 - Grade Level work days
 - Father/son event
 - Someone can donate, someone else can assemble. Make a plaque with both people on it.
 - Sponsor a table/bench. Donate or assemble a bench/table/etc. and mount a plaque on

- Timing

- Suggesting we move forward with the designer and send out family surveys. Beyond that we can't get anything else done until we get the portables moved.
- Portables
 - A lot of frustration as to why we can't get rid of the portables.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Confusion as to why the new owner has not taken them■ Mrs. Pavlik is reaching out to district■ Dorothy suggested that if we have a name parents might be willing to reach out to put some pressure on the company to get them moved● Tina said they next steps is to approve the landscape designer (identified a quorum established)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Motion to approve Nature Explore to develop a design for \$5200 based on Mrs. Pavlik discussing with Facilities that it is an appropriate and safe build site.<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Jen Izenstark made the motion■ Madison Beedy seconded the motion■ All in favor, nobody opposed■ Motion Passed!● At the April meeting the plan will be presented for additional information to the school community and overall budget - and why certain things cost what they do - will be discussed.
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Attendees: Tina McFarland, Mandy Chapin-Johnston, Tricia Owen, Erin Jackson, Kristin Klecka, Michelle Pavlik, Madison Beedy, Gretchen Hanna, Dorothy Jokerst, Mark Eisenhut, Shannon Christie, Elise Sparks, Jen Izenstark, Randy Schoenfeld, Susan Matura, Penelope Plache, Megan Bird, Lisa Mabry, Christy Guemple