

Raleigh Park Playground Upgrade

Draft Grant Request



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Raleigh Park Playground Design Brief

Background and Objectives

- In 2010, Raleigh Park worked with PTO leadership and Ross Recreation to make updates to the old playground equipment.
- The original proposal for the upgrade included additional interactive play panels that were not installed at that time due to funding limitations.
- While the existing structures serve kindergartners' gross motor needs, there are limited opportunities for children to engage in play that does not require climbing.
- Adding a structure that helps children engage in imaginary play will complete the playground and provide all children (including those with any physical disabilities) a place to play safely on the playground.



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- When presented with the initial request for additional kindergarten playground equipment, PTO representatives asked that a proposal be made for similar equipment for the main playground.
 - Desire for new purchases to serve the greatest number of students, for the greatest number of years were the impetus for this request.
 - In addition, PTO members noted that the main playground lacks similar structures to those being requested for the kindergarten playground.
- While the initial plan was to request funding for completing the kindergarten playground, this grant request includes a main playground option as per the PTO's request.



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Kindergarten Playground

- Criteria and Requirements
 - Freestanding structure for the kindergarten playground
 - Must inspire imaginary play
 - Must be able to be used by 4-8 children at a time
 - Must be ground level or have limited rise and pass safety requirements
 - Must be easy for supervision from all vantage spots within the playground
 - Landscaping
 - Signage and benches may need to be moved and drainage solution needed if new structure is to be located in this section of the playground.
 - Bark chips may be required if the new structure is raised off the ground (ideally we would like to avoid this expense).
 - Dimensions: TBA



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Option A: Kindergarten Nature Discovery Center

- ✓ Approved vendor: Gametime
- ✓ Large enough for 6-8 kindergarteners to use at one time
- ✓ Safe, on the ground
- ✓ Inspires imaginary play
- ✓ Multi-faceted
- ✓ Additional rain cover
- ✓ Easy visibility for supervisors

Cost: \$6,000 plus \$1,000 freight

Request to PTO: Material cost with freight cost to be covered through fundraising.



Adjacent to Raleigh Park's Garden, the Kindergarten's Garden House would have a traceable leaf counter, mailbox, fireplace, bench, shelves, spinning flowers, planter window with seeding cup holders and a telescope!



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Option B: Kindergarten Playhouse/Cafe

- ✓ Approved vendor: Burke (LB-973)
- ✓ Good size for kindergarten playground
- ✓ Safe, on the ground
- ✓ Inspires imaginary play
- ✓ Appropriate for boys and girls
- ✓ Easy visibility for supervisors



Cost: \$3,225.00 plus freight (will be priced on Wednesday)

Request to PTO: Material and freight cost



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Option C: Long-Term Recommendation for Kindy Playground

- ✓ Approved vendor: Burke
- ✓ Replaces older slide and climbing structure with 9 events (more play value)!
- ✓ Finishes upgrade to the level of play value found on the main playground
- ✓ Inspires imaginary play
- ✓ Appropriate for boys and girls
- ✓ Easy visibility for supervisors

Cost: \$13,300 plus freight (TBA)

If the PTO commits \$7,000, playground committee will raise the remaining funds needed.





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Main Playground

- Criteria and Requirements
 - Freestanding structure for the playground
 - Must inspire imaginary play
 - Must be able to be used by 8-12 children at a time
 - Must be ground level or ADA accessible and pass all safety requirements
 - Must be easy for supervision from all vantage spots within the playground
 - Landscaping
 - PTO proposed location is between the monkey bars and swings, if the structure fits in the place limited landscaping changes will be needed.
 - Bark chips may be required if the new structure is raised off the ground (ideally we would like to avoid this expense).
 - Dimensions: TBA



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Main Playground

- ✓ Large enough for main playground
- ✓ ADA-accessible
- ✓ Inspires imaginary play
- ✓ Appropriate for boys and girls

Custom design.

Cost: \$14,000 to \$18,000

Request to PTO: Partial funding to launch a capital campaign.





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Timeline and Next Steps

- Friday, November 18:
 - Met with playground vendors at the school.
- Week of November 21:
 - Reviewed vendor recommendations with Kindergarten teachers, principal and District staff.
- Monday, December 5:
 - Submit recommendations to PTO Board.
- Wednesday, December 7:
 - Present recommendations at the December PTO meeting.
- Tuesday, January 10:
 - PTO vote to approve funding.