THE NAKUSP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND





Presented to: SD10 Board, by NES Parent Advisory Council

THE STORY OF OUR PLAYGROUND DREAMS...

- A new playground, or playground repair, has been on our PAC agenda for several years - due to parental concerns over safety and the age and accessibility of our playground for our growing student population and the diverse needs and abilities of our students.
- Last year, at about this time, we had Art Olson attend our meeting and explain the process of applying for playground funding and how that might tie in to our goals.
 - What could we do to make this playground amazing for our kids?
 - We tasked all PAC members to visit as many playgrounds as possible last year and observe what our children enjoyed, make note of what other communities and schools had for equipment and how we could envision it on our own school grounds and in our own community.

THE STORY OF OUR PLAYGROUND DREAMS...

- This spring, we were THRILLED to learn that NES has been awarded a provincial government grant of \$195,000 for a new playground.
- On our behalf, our principal asked three companies to send in proposals priced at \$175,000 - reserving \$20,000 of the grant funds for SD10 installation and fall zone materials
- We learned that there is a small portion of our existing playground that we are able to retain - the smaller pieces with a focus on more imaginative play - allowing us to condense the existing area for a primary focused play area separate from the new build.
- This allows us to situate the new build on the lower field near the maple trees, behind the gym and further from the highway creating two distinct play areas for our students.

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- Once we reviewed a variety of playground options as a PAC group, a school-wide survey
 was sent out for families to weigh in on which features were most exciting or important
 to their children and to help us choose which company to work with.
- With our large school population and the broader community population that currently uses our playground outside of school hours - we would like to maximise the features available on our new playground and are asking for support from the board to make this happen.
- We, as a PAC, have also investigated additional grant options that may help boost our playground potential including:
 - Kal-Tire funds for recycled rubber surface in one or more areas
 - NACFOR, and NACF, RDCK Community Grants, Canada Post grants and existing PAC accounts

SO, WHAT WOULD WE LIKE TO BUILD?

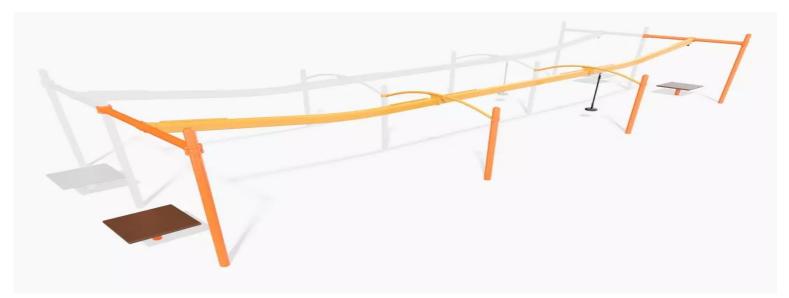
FOR \$175,000 THE MOST POPULAR OPTION IN OUR SURVEY LOOKS LIKE THIS:



BASED ON FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS AND STAFF, SWINGTIME WAS ASKED TO MAKE A FEW ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PLAN...



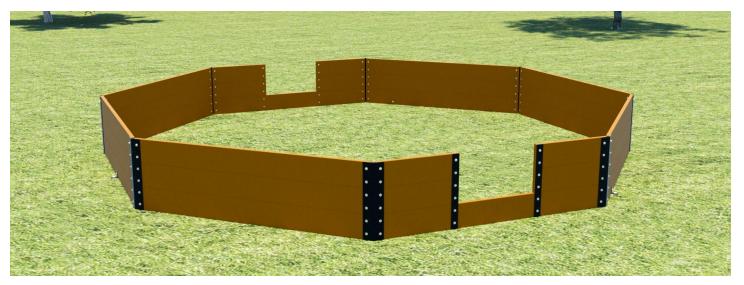
BECAUSE OF ITS POPULARITY IN THE SURVEY, A DIFFERENT COMPANY, HABITAT WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE A PRICE FOR THIS 50 FOOT DOUBLE GLIDER - \$65,000



WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE WOULD LOVE TO ADD A THIRD 50' RAIL WITH A MORE SECURE SEAT - VALUED AT AN ADDITIONAL \$25,000 - FOR OUR LESS DARING STUDENTS TO BE ABLE TO USE AS WELL.

ANOTHER FEATURE WE WOULD LIKE TO ADD...

We asked Swingtime to give us a price for a Gaga pit as Gaga Ball is a game that, after being introduced in PE classes, all of our students seem to love.



\$3,000 for the pit, plus

\$7,000 for site prep (asphalt)

PRIMARY AREA ENHANCEMENT

Because we are able to keep the more simple features of our existing playground, PAC would love to be able to enhance the primary play area even further with an estimated \$20,000 to \$50,000 to include more imaginative play items such as:

- Outdoor music area
- An additional imaginative play area mud kitchen

To determine the full potential (and budget) for this area, we would like to engage more with our primary teachers, the district child care lead, and other members of the community to identify how to meet the needs of our youngest learners as they transition from their early learning experiences into NES.

NES NEW PLAYGROUND BUDGET

NES New Playground Budget		
Forecasted Revenue		
MECC grant	\$ 195,000	Confirmed
PAC funds	\$ 10,000	Not yet confirmed
Other grants	\$ 10,000	Not yet confirmed
	\$ 215,000	
Potential Costs		
Site Prep and Installation	\$ 25,000	
Trees and Landscaping	\$ 10,000	
Swing Time (Main Unit)	\$ 239,000	
Gliders (Ziplines)	\$ 65,000	
3rd Glider w/accessible seat	\$ 25,000	
Gaga Ball Pit	\$ 10,000	
Imaginative Play Area (Primary)	\$ 50,000	
	\$ 424,000	
Shortfall and our ask to you:	\$ 209,000	

OUR ASK:

- If we were to purchase all the equipment listed above our total cost prior to installation would be approximately \$339,000.
- Plus an estimated (maximum) \$50,000 to enhance the primary play area
- Art tells us that we should be looking at about \$25,000 for installation and fall zone materials
- We would like to budget for \$10,000 for trees and landscaping.
 - Total cost: \$424,000
 - MECC grant: \$195,000 (confirmed)
 - PAC funds: \$10,000 (not confirmed)
 - Additional grants \$10,000 (not confirmed)

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We hope that the SD10 Board will consider providing at least a portion of these additional funds in support of every student in our school community and other children and visitors in the Village of Nakusp as a whole.

RATIONALE:

Our school currently enrols 185 students and continues to grow

 We want to plan for the future by building a playground that has plenty of room for all of our kids to grow and explore.

- We want to have a playground that is inclusive and accessible and meets the diverse skills, abilities and needs of our school population.
- We want to build a playground that our students, community children and even visitors to our community are excited about.
- We want our playground to be a draw that enhances and invites more families to join our school, which is the heart of the community for many local families.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.