

Special Mary Woodward PSO Meeting
May 5, 2015
Cafeteria, 8:30 a.m.

Board Members: Karen Emerson, Judy Swiger, Jenna Smith

Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting and handed out the playground structure proposal with photos of the 2 best options (this will be on file with the minutes).

Things to consider before making a final vote:

Karen is looking for a possible donation for concrete; is it not confirmed yet.

It will cost \$1350 to pay someone to dig the holes and make sure they are level. This expense could be cut if we can find a parent who has access and experience with an auger and a laser level.

We have raised \$52,000 this year and we have \$4000 that was not spent for the garden and enrichment, giving us a total of \$56,000. Our target was \$60,000, so we fell just short. We do have \$18,000 in reserves, so if we take \$3000 from that we will still have \$15,000 in reserves. Therefore, we will have enough money to continue with our regular programs and activities next fall.

The cost of professionally installing the structure can be an additional 1/3 the cost of the We could save \$7000- \$10,000 by getting parent volunteers to tear down the existing structure and installing the new structure (with professional supervision) and the money we could get for recycling the metal and hauling it with a borrowed trailer. There will be a cost not in the expenses column to dispose of the concrete and wood.

People can still donate if they would like, by making out a check to Mary Woodward PSO and then we would not have to take as much out of our reserves.

We looked at and discussed the two options for Structures, the GameTime Climber's Crest and the GameTime Elevation. The current structure has 13 features, 2 of which are now missing. The Climber's Crest will cost approximately \$30,369 for everything including install, has 16 features and the Elevation has 12 features for a total cost of \$26,252.

One of the discussions focused on accessibility for kids with disabilities and it seems like there would be easier and better accessibility with the Elevation model, although it was very difficult to determine from the photos. If we made a pathway with tiles it would make the Climber's Crest more accessible. The other question was safety for the disabled child once on the structure.

The board's motion recommendation was to spend the \$30,400 from saved reserve funds (\$9,900 paddle raised, \$17,300 stock gift and \$3,200 reserves) on Climber's Crest playground structure with supervised parent installation. Judy moved to vote on the recommendation and Wendy seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the board's recommendation.