



MONTecito Elementary School

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City of Burnaby's Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission
c/o , Kathryn Matts , Commission Secretary
#101-4946 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC, V5G 4H7

Commission Agenda

Date 2018 Feb 28

Correspondence(a)

RE: City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Playground Grants

December 7, 2017

Dear Ms. Matts,

The parents of the Montecito Elementary PAC, with the permission of Burnaby School District, would like to apply for the City of Burnaby's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Playground Grant of \$4000 for construction of an outdoor classroom.

In consultation with the administration and staff at Montecito Elementary, it was determined that an outdoor classroom would greatly benefit the school community. The staff conveyed that having an outdoor area suitable for discussions and learning would benefit their students immensely. Many teachers are bringing the students outside for projects and activities to foster the new curriculum. As well in the warmer months, the temperature becomes quite hot in certain classrooms. The outdoor classroom can provide a necessary relief for those students and teachers.

The community surrounding Montecito Elementary will also benefit from a gathering place that blends in with the natural surroundings of the park. The Montecito Elementary PAC annually hosts a community event that invites community groups to explore the multicultural diversity of Burnaby. This event is held both inside the school and on the school grounds. The outdoor classroom area would integrate well with activities such as "our drumming circle" that has taken place every year at this event.

The outdoor space would be accessible to the public. As a group, we want to have the community benefit from having this space. We have also considered public access in selecting our preferred design. We feel the materials chosen will resist vandalism thereby providing a lasting benefit for everyone.

For your review, I have attached photos of an existing outdoor classroom located at South Slope Elementary. This is the design we would like to emulate at Montecito Elementary school adjacent to Montecito Park. Our Principal, Mrs. Kimmie has been in touch with South Slope's Principal and they have offered us assistance in planning our outdoor classroom budget. Our budget for this project is \$12,000. Our organization has been fundraising for several years for an outdoor area. We have raised and set aside \$8000 for this project. We hope to have the project completed in 2018 with the City's support.

NOTE

Item 1 of the Director's Report refers to this matter

We appreciate your time and hope you consider our project worthwhile. If I can answer any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me or our school Principal.

Sincerely,



Michael Lee
Parent – Montecito Elementary PAC

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Photos



South Slope Elementary School



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January 11, 2018

Ms. Kathryn Matts
Commission Secretary
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Commission
City of Burnaby
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Burnaby, BC V5G 4H7

Dear Ms. Matts:

The Burnaby Board of Education is pleased to support the application by the Parent Advisory Council of Montecito Elementary School for a Playground Development Grant for construction of an outdoor learning space.

It is our understanding the PAC and the school have already raised \$8,000 of the estimated \$12,000 cost. The district hereby undertakes to prepare and install the outdoor learning space within twelve months of the grant approval.

Thank you for considering the application by the Montecito PAC.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Russell A. Horswill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Russell A. Horswill, DBA
Secretary Treasurer

Copy: Cory Borg, Director of Facilities Services

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