

February 1, 2017

# Spaulding Memorial School Playground

Presented by the School Council  
(comprised of parents and staff)

# Parent/Community Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Why a new playground?
- Selection Process of vendor and design
- Design Review with Cindy Maak
- Donations
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Question/Answer Session

# Why a new playground?



- “It was meant for kindergarten to second grade.”
- “The structure is outdated”
- “It is many years old (almost as old as my mom) and it is rusty, rickety, unstable and small.”

*Quotes from 4<sup>th</sup> grade students about why a new playground is needed at Spaulding.*



# Selection Process Summary

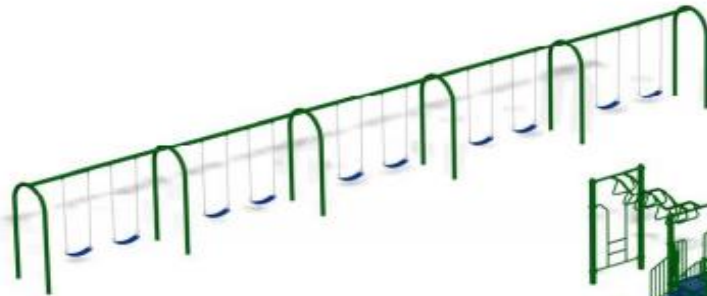
- In spring of 2016 received the list of approved state vendors for playgrounds and contacted all those on the list to receive initial information about obtaining a design and preliminary cost.
- In summer of 2016 had vendors come to see the playground space and propose a design and quote.
- In fall of 2016 reviewed designs, determined estimated cost of project and determined a need to move forward.
- In December 2016 initial donation letter was sent to Townsend business owners with estimated cost of the project.
- Late December 2016 we met with a representative from Sterilite who generously made a commitment to purchase all the materials for the structure and swings.
- In January 2017 contacted vendors who submitted preliminary designs to ask for official bid and design of materials only.
- January 2017 a vendor was selected and the design and bid were given to the business office, along with all the pros/cons of five different bids and with a recommendation to officially move forward with Site Specifics.

# Identified Pros of Site Specifics

- Playground design offers many opportunities to climb and use whole body.
- Installation w/ multiple builders from the company w/ support from community, but not full responsibility of installation.
- Design included the most pieces for students with special needs.
- Design was appropriate for all K-4 students.
- Most competitive price.
- Consultant is knowledgeable, available, demonstrates a genuine love and interest in the project and making sure customer is happy with outcome.

# Site Specifics Design

## Spaulding Elementary School Townsend, MA



Full design will be on display in the Spaulding Memorial lobby area

# Review of Design and Installation Process with Cindy Maak

*FRONT ELEVATION*



*BACK ELEVATION*





# Additional Donations Required

- Additional donations needed for:
  - Unloading of the materials (ex: forklift rental)
  - ADA Accessible Engineered Wood Fiber Playground Safety surfacing
  - Concrete truck for footings
  - Pavers for holes
  - Refreshments for Volunteers for Community Build
  - Wear Mats (installed under slides and swings)

Estimated Cost is approximately \$3,500

\*We would like to thank Townsend Realty for their donation to this portion of the project.

\*We will be having a school-wide fundraiser "Pennies for the Playground" in March to contribute to the playground project.

# Volunteer Opportunities

- NMRSD Building and Grounds and the Townsend Fire Department have volunteered to dismantle and remove the existing structure.
- Prepare surface for installation. (*excavated site equal to the protective area 12" deep*)
- Unloading of playground materials upon delivery.
- Concrete truck delivery.
- Full day community installation (adults only) under the supervision of master builder and installers from Site Specifics
- Prepare and serve refreshments during installation.
- Install and spread ADA approved safety surfacing.

Anticipated Installation Spring of 2017

# Questions and Answer Session



- *“On behalf of my classmates, we students at Spaulding Memorial School ask you to donate to our playground set. Thank you!!!”*

*-4<sup>th</sup> grade student from donation request letter*