

<b>RSU 54/MSAD 54</b>
<b>Playground Committee (Building Subcommittee)</b>
<b>MINUTES</b>
<b>October 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Skowhegan Middle School Library</b>

**PRESENT:** Sarah Bunker, Lynda Quinn, David Leavitt, Mark Hatch, Kaitlin Butler, Nicole Chaplin, Brent Colbry, Pat Carroll, Sashie Misner, Doug Breer, Sara Coburn, Myla Kreider, Erin Merrill, Chelsea Carrier, Deidre Mitchell, Jean Pillsbury

1. Tour of Playgrounds

After brief introductions the group took a tour of the Bloomfield Playground followed by a tour of the Early Childhood Natural Playground, which is also on the Bloomfield Campus.

2. Playground Presentation

A playground presentation was made by Pat Carroll of Carroll Associates, who is the lead site architect on the project. Pat was joined by Architect Sashie Misner, who is a specialist in outdoor natural playgrounds, who walked the group through the options that the committee would have to utilize natural playscapes in the new school playground layout. The current Early Childhood playground at Bloomfield is a natural nature-based playground.

3. Question and Answer, Discussion

Sashie and Pat answered questions. The new school will include traditional play structures, and they encouraged participants to consider expanding the natural playscapes beyond the early childhood playground. The Committee discussed the need to get staff and the community involved. The Superintendent will coordinate a staff meeting where the architects can present, answer questions, and get feedback from staff.

4. Next Steps

The Building Committee will be brought up to speed on educator feedback and will consider playground designs and ways to get additional feedback from the community. The next Building Committee meeting is scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 at the SAMS Library.

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