

Nature Playground Committee Minutes



Meeting Minutes #02 – 7 November 2018

Mount Lawley Primary School

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1. Agenda Item

On 7 November 2018 Mount Lawley Primary School (**MLPS**) conducted a second Committee Meeting for the Nature Playground. The Agenda Meeting framework is set out below and will be elaborated on in further sections.

Agenda Item

- Present/ Apologies
- Confirmation of Minutes from meeting 17 October 2018
- Review action items from previous meeting

General Business

- Discussion – site selection & brief development
- Discussion – project timing and/ or phases
- Discussion – determine and allocate required tasks
- Select representative for P&C representative
- P&C to be issued minutes of each meeting

New Business

- Any items from the floor
- Action Items

Next Meeting

- Proposed fortnightly – next meeting 21 November 2018
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2. Present/Apologies

Present	Apologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jennifer Gordon• Bryan Tolmie• Grace Adam• Hapreet Kaler• Danielle Adam• Sophia Woodrow• Derek Watt• Sharnie Stuart	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nathanael Howard• Cavelle Monck

3. Confirmation of Meeting Minutes

Accepted - Hapreet Kaler

Seconded - Bryan Tolmie

4. Review Action Items From Previous Meeting (Item 7.3)

Action Items

1. **DONE** - Cavelle to distribute key documents to Committee members, e.g.
 - National Quality Standards, Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework/ Cultural Diversity, Walker Learning for nature playground and Department Requirements
 2. **DONE** - Cavelle to distribute Site Plan
 - Reps can then use this plan to draw/ write/ formulate their ideas
 3. **½ DONE** - Nathanael to provide photos of Coolbinia – provided photos of six potential locations within MLPS and will provide Coolbinia photos by next Meeting
 4. **DONE** - HOMEWORK – each Committee Representative review key documents / prepare their ideal Nature Playground on the Site Plan (and provide supplementary doc if needed).
 5. **DONE** - Request teachers re: - what works, what doesn't work from their experience?
 6. **DONE** - Request teachers to ask children what their ideal Nature Playground would look like.
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5. Discussion – Site Selection & Brief Development

Various discussions took place with Committee members in relation to site selection and the overall brief of the project.

5.1 Site selection

Committee members identified several designated Nature Play site(s), including:

- locations to develop “easy wins” which are cheap and easy to install; and
- selecting several sites, and potentially allocating one or two main sites.

It was agreed that each Committee member should send through their location ideas to Derek (Chair). He would then collate the information and identify the preferred/ most favourable options. Consequently, the most favourable option(s) would then help to contribute toward developing an indicative Master Plan to submit to the P&C.

5.2 Brief

The overall Brief is based on the relevant national quality standard Guideline 3:

To improve play areas within MLPS School to contribute to children's wellbeing, creativity, development in independence, diverse range of experiences, experimentation, learning in a safe and fun way that also eliminates risk.

Committee members were asked to identify key points they thought relevant in relation to the above Guideline so that the Brief could be further refined. It was suggested that 'Non-negotiables' vs 'Optional' Brief intentions should be identified. Below is a start to the Brief and it was agreed to be a "working progress" and that ideas should be shared for the next scheduled Meeting.

Non-Negotiable	Optional
1. Health & safety	1. Active space vs quiet spaces
2. Universal access	2. Fixed vs moveable
3. Junior ceramic art (living art)	3. Investigation vs respect
4. Class & kids ownership	4. Less structured/ sterile
5. Design for all age groups	5. Flexibility & multi-use spaces
6. Cultural aspect	

5.2.1 Brief Ideas

Ideas/ Brainstorming to work toward the Brief

- Kids feeling creative & exploring
- Aboriginal seasons, meeting place & planting specific trees
- Recycling
- Hanging ropes
- Mud kitchen
- Water play - pump system to be recycled vs running water...what are the costs? Health risks of bacteria vs monetary outlay. There are conservational systems in place, check systems. Check requirements & standards.
- Ardross Primary School managed to complete a nature playground for \$1000. Refer to Maggie Dent's Nature Play Ground online for an overview.

Sourcing Materials

- Wine barrel lying around
- Firewood, trees, pruning, put in an order
- Chunks of wood at Yokine golf club
- Buy Nothing Mount Lawley/ Dianella/ Inglewood, etc...on Facebook

Place materials in designated laydown area and can source throughout year, e.g. current long jump pit.

Involve Community

- Community building
- Busy bee
- Sausage sizzle
- Jenny's husband is a surveyor, we can engage him to do free work (or maybe for a free sausage sizzle 😊).
- Promote Nature Play Garden via MLPS Newsletter, website etc...and request for helpers/volunteers, e.g. Please register your interest if you are a carpenter, bob cat owner etc...

6. Discussion – Project Timing and/ or Phases

- Term 1 2019
- Short term vs Long term (phases)

Important Note: Once Brief has been refined, there will be more clarity and detail in relation to timing/ phases.

7. Discussion – Determine and Allocate Required Tasks

Several tasks were allocated to Sophia as she had done preliminary investigations, refer to section 10 Actions. In addition, Grace indicated she'd approach the ECU cultural representative to request attendance at the next Meeting.

Once a more refined scope has been agreed upon, additional allocated tasks will be required.

8. Select Committee Representative for P&C Representative

Sophia happy to report to P&C.

9. P&C to be Issued Minutes Each Meeting

Nature Play Committee agreed to distribute Meeting Minutes to P&C.

10. Actions

1. Each Committee Member to:

- a. identify preferred site(s);
- b. list Nature Play ideas in certain area(s);
- c. submit pretty pictures;
- d. submit to Derek by next **Wednesday (14 November 2018)**.

Derek to send back out to Committee members before weekend (16 November 2018).

2. **DONE** - Sophia to email cultural information to Committee Members (refer to attachment).
3. **DONE** - Sophia to collate/ email cultural information to Committee Members (refer to attachment).
4. Sophia to arrange for her landscape contracting friends to visit the site & report back their ideas for inclusion in indicative Master Plan.
5. Grace Adam contact ECU Aboriginal contact and invite to next Nature Play Committee meeting.

11. Next Meeting

Week 7

21 November 2018 @ 5PM

Brainstorm at meeting to contribute toward an indicative Master Plan to then submit to P&C.

Week 9

5 December 2018 @ 5PM