

Kate Furbish Playground Committee

Minutes

^{July}
~~August~~ 31, 2019

And

Questions/Topics for our interview to take place on Monday, August 5 at 6:30 PM

Present at the August 31 Meeting: Kelly Wentworth, Jeanne Baker Stinson, Adelaida Gaviria, Sarah Rodgers, Scott Walker, Nathan Hintze, Zach Stegeman

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35. We began with introductions and a welcome to Zach who is joining our committee as a member of the Brunswick School Department Preschool Committee.
2. Jeanne gave an overview of the process to date.
3. The committee briefly reviewed the Rating Criteria as published in the RFQ. Sashie Misner, the landscape architect who submitted the one set of qualifications we received, is an acknowledged expert in this area in Maine (perhaps THE person to hire). We easily agreed we'd like to interview her.
4. We then discussed and developed a list of questions/topics to discuss with Sashie Misner.
 - a. Tell us a little about the process you'd use to design our playground.
 - b. We are under tight time constraints. How can our goals be met?
 - c. Is it possible to design the project so that some of it could be built over time (perhaps including the use of donated materials and labor)?
 - d. 100 kids at a time will use each of the two larger playgrounds for four recesses per day. Can you discuss how you'd meet the challenges posed by this level of use?
 - e. How can you provide the challenge necessary for children at the upper end of our 5-8 age group?
 - f. Can you provide a plan (and/or training) for the maintenance of the play grounds and an estimate of ongoing costs?
 - g. How do you plan to meet the challenges of four season play?
 - h. We'd like to provide lots of different things for children to do. Many of these will involve loose parts that will require storage. How have you met this need in the past?
 - i. Can you provide assistance and/or guidelines to train school staff about the use and supervision of our new Natural Playground?
 - j. Which of your past projects would be most helpful for committee members to visit?