

École King George Creative Playground Survey Results



Purpose and Description

The playground at École King George is scheduled to be removed from the school grounds within the next year or two. In order to plan for a new play structure to occupy the space a Playground Committee was formed. The Committee is made up of King George Parents and reports to Parent Council.

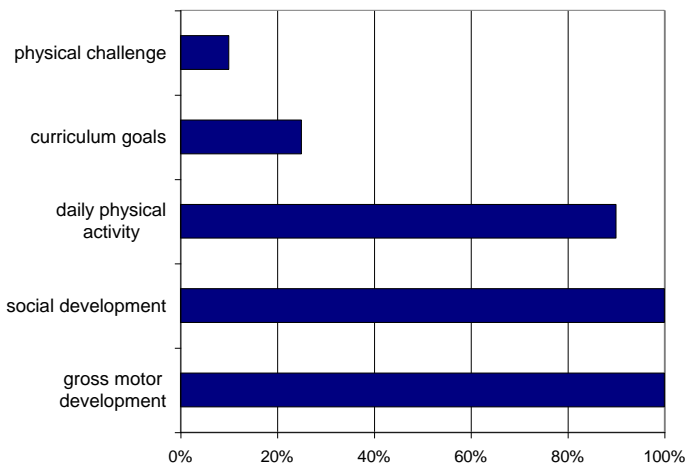
A survey was conducted to gather information on the playground needs of staff and students at King George. CBE staff and Pleasant Heights After School Staff were surveyed individually. Teachers also completed a survey of student playground requests in their classrooms.

20 staff and 10 classes responded to the survey. This report summarizes the information gathered from these users of the playground.

Importance and Value of Playground

Staff were asked to rate on a scale of 1 to 10 how important it will be to have a playground replaced once the old play structure is removed. Staff rated the importance as a 9.25/10 where 10 most the most important and 1 was not at all important.

Staff were also asked about what the outdoor play structure contributes to the school. The following are the percentage of teachers reporting what the play structure helps in achieving



Importance of Playground to Students

Classes were asked to respond to how important it was to have a playstructure outside? All classes but two responded that it was, "Very important." The two other classes (the grade 5/6 classes) reported that it was, "A little Important," and "Not very important."

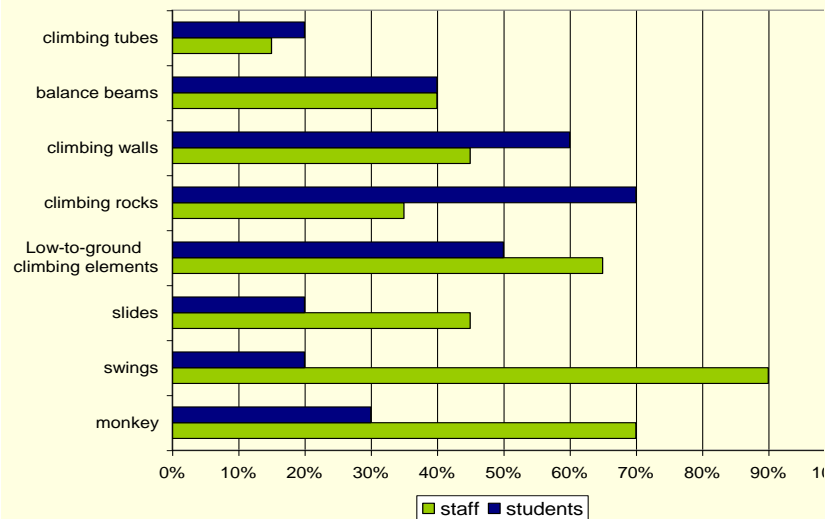
Challenges Associated with a Playground

Challenges
Injuries and accidents
Vandalism to structure
Accommodating large numbers of children
Sharing of equipment
Hard ground surface
Supervision

Staff made it clear that the benefits of the playground outweigh the challenges.

Equipment Requests

Staff and students were asked to rank their preferred playground equipment. There was some variation in opinion between the two groups. Staff preferred equipment such as swings, monkey bars, and low-to-ground climbing elements. Students ranked all the climbing structures high.



Appearance of the Playground

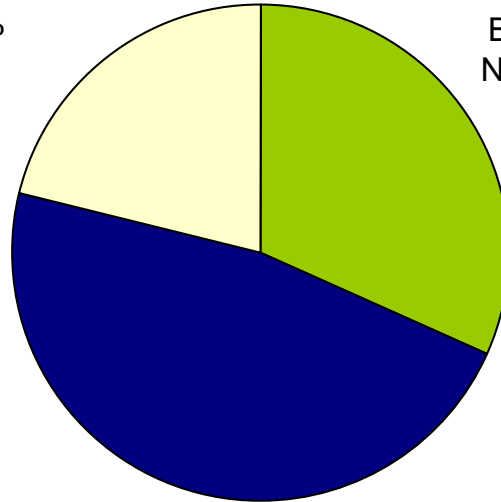
Staff were asked about how they would like the playground to look. Most staff preferred a traditional playground look.



Modern/Futuristic
21%



Blend in with
Naturalization
32%



Traditional
47%



Moving forward

This information is only the beginning of the playground planning process. Substantial planning and fundraising must be undertaken in order for the playground structure to be replaced. The Committee needs support from parents to move forward. Please considering offering your time or fundraising skill to help move this important project ahead.

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