Castle Heights Site Concept

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Charge of the Bridge Team

The CHPS School Board charges the Castle Heights Site Bridge Team with developing a plan for the site which could include a connection with or expansion of Blooming Heights, an outdoor classroom and/or a performance space/outdoor theater. The School Board is in open to the inclusion of pollinator or other gardens, benches, shaded areas, buddy benches and/or sponsored bricks.
Samples of benches, council rings, lighted seating
Concept Features

Pollinator gardens

**Council rings:** seven in the current concept, 10 feet in diameter, double council rings as an option

**Seating:** 70 ft. x 80 ft. square footage of the area

**Performance stage:** not covered in this concept, however could be covered based on fundraising, movie screen available to be put on the stage
Concept Features

Column forest
Covered seating
Tree house
Benchs: 11 in the concept
Trees: oaks, Autumn Rose Maples, Red Maples, crab apples, two existing trees
Shrubs: evergreen, Red Twig Dogwoods, grasses
Paths: paths all the way around the site, path from Blooming Heights to the new site, wide North-South walking path, handicapped accessible paths (3 foot minimum), add direct path to the playground
Considerations

Electricity must be run to the new site
Signage needed around the site
Prioritized Construction

Electricity stub
Pathways
Trees
Stage and seating
Council rings- teaching spaces
Pollinator gardens
Shrubs
Covered seating
Treehouse
Mississippi Watershed Grant

Concerns

• Water is a liability
• Water- Can be dangerous (drowning), expensive to maintain, chlorination and sanitation needed, breeding ground for mosquitoes
• Matching funds of 25%.
• The goal of the grant is to improve shared water resources so everyone can have clean water and that is not part of this project or the concept.
• Don’t have the staff with the knowledge and experience and time to maintain this project if it was built.
• Expenses that are not eligible include features that are deemed aesthetic only.
Questions