

Project Name: Playground Renewal Project

Proposed by: Rachel Matenaer

Description of the problem (if applicable) or opportunity/situation: The current playground is inadequate, outdated, and has safety concerns. The playground is used by the parish and the school - ie the school children, after school/wrap around, summer childcare program, Totus Tuus religious education summer program, RCIA candidate childcare, Parish Festival and Fish Fry attendees, etc. It has been in place for over 25 years. It was acquired second hand, is made by multiple manufacturers, and has been piece-mealed together. It contains wood platforms which have deteriorated and required repair, as recently as the Summer of 2017. There have been staff and student complaints that 4 swings are insufficient for our school size. The mulch lacks the proper depth and grade to be "up to code" per Lee Equipment and Burke Equipment. (For liability purposes, it's in our best interest to be up to code.) Without any cushion, injuries occur. The metal ladders have large spaces between the rungs, where small children have fallen through and injuries have occurred. Currently, the tube slide is closed off from the students since it has a broken plastic window. The staff has difficulty supervising the playground and the blacktop at the same time (since some slides' output was not facing them). The staff requested eliminating tube slides due to poor visibility. Lastly, the equipment has inappropriate language etched into it.

Description of the project: The students would benefit from a new & safe playground with a variety of things to do. A group of about ten passionate parents met 2 years ago and we began researching the playground equipment concerns, we gathered staff input, and we developed our wish list. A large master plan was derived (\$80K). We now have a goal to completely renew the playground by installing a new playground in a phased approach. Phase 1 occurred in the Fall of 2016 with the addition of the Panda Ball pits. Phase 2 involved removing the large, dead maple tree in the Fall of 2017 since it was unsafe. So that brings us to today, and we are ready for another phase! The existing playground would be removed, and the new

playground would be located just north of it (to follow the parish's Forward in Faith master facilities plan). The new playground would be durable and safe. The master plan would have more swings, larger slides, a climbing structure, musical elements, a storefront/imaginative play panel, high and low monkey bars, spinning and bouncing elements, and equipment that will encourage children to come together. All slides would output facing the blacktop where the staff must stand when supervising the field and blacktop. This improved visibility, will decrease injuries. We have the goal of adding a separate, small preschool area in a future phase.

Benefits of the project (consider benefits to the learning environment, curriculum, advancement of the IHM school mission, student safety, etc.): A new, revitalized playground would improve: student safety, family satisfaction, student morale, and student physical activity levels. In addition, it would beautify the grounds, and attract and retain school families. The new playground would strengthen our IHM community, when families spend time there together, during parish and school fundraiser events. When we invest to keep our facilities and playground current, it sends the message to all that we see a bright future ahead for our vibrant Catholic school.

Describe how the project aligns with the HSA mission: Renewing the playground will enrich the lives of our IHM community children. They will explore and enjoy the playground on a daily basis. It will become a space that provides the opportunity for the children to practice an active lifestyle, safely engage in recreational opportunities, and encourage social interaction amongst peers. This increased social interaction would provide the children with opportunities to learn and practice respect and compassion for their peers.

Requested funds: **\$10,000.**

The phase that we are pursuing today costs \$23K. We have already raised \$13K of this (\$10K from the parish + \$3K from a Madison Gas & Electric grant). Please

note: There will be future phases after this that we plan to pursue (for an all-inclusive price of \$80K for our master plan). Quote and pictures of the \$23K project are attached.

Ongoing costs of project to be funded by future operating expenses: NA

of volunteers needed: TBD

Timing of the project: Summer 2018

Are you willing to lead the project? Yes

If not do you know someone who is? NA

Current Available and projected project fund balance (HSA Treasurer to complete):

\$ _____ / \$ _____

While modeling Catholic values we enhance the opportunities of every child at IHM through parent involvement, communication, accountability, integrity, supporting enrichment, and strengthening community.



The picture above corresponds with the \$23K quote on the following page. Based on the current sales running, these elements are **EXAMPLES** of what we could get. The set is modular and we would build onto it with future phases. In the end, we would end with our dream playground. This is a starting point.



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QUOTATION

DATE: April 30, 2018

TO: Rachel Matenaer
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FROM: Megan Lee Cunningham
RE: Playground Proposal 23K Option Immaculate 3

1-#SPSW	Swing Assembly	\$ 4,006.00
	4-Swing Bays with 6 Belt Swing Seats	
1-ZZXX051	Spinami	\$ 4,457.00
1-ZZXX0150	Overdrive	\$ 3,343.00
1-CH43018	Challenger System	\$ 16,772.00
	Subtotal Equipment	\$28,578.00
	(School Discount	\$ 5,715.00)
	Freight:	900.00
	TOTAL	\$23,763.00

Options:

Supervised Installation ADD \$2,000.00
Full Installation ADD \$5,700.00

Quote Accepted by: _____ Date: _____

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- TERMS: Net 30
 - Site Preparation, Resilient Surfacing & Placement of surfacing is the responsibility of the customer
 - Lead-Time: 4 Weeks Upon Receipt of Order
 - Quote effective: ***Sale Ends 6-30-18***