

## BUILDING & GARDEN COMMITTEE

The building and garden committee has both parent and teacher members. The group has been responsible for creating the Learning Garden and working to improve both the landscape and school building. We work with teachers in all K-8 grades to enhance writing and science through outdoor learning. Every year, we assist the Kindergarten teachers with planting peas in the spring and the First Grade and Second Grade on their journal writing in the garden. Third through Fifth graders work and study in the space and help maintain the garden through weeding and planting. Last year, we assisted the Middle School in creating their learning garden at the new extension. Members of the committee worked with the school and city to develop the plan for the school expansion.

We are looking for parents both to assist in these programs and to assist in new initiatives. Though our primary focus has been the garden spaces, we would like to devote more energy to the school buildings. Upcoming initiatives are to work with the Art teacher on her new space and work on re-establishing a Library. We would also like to follow through with the school expansion and provide support there. Other initiatives outdoors include expanding plantings throughout and working with the middle school on support of their garden.

### Members:

Stephanie Goldberg, Amy Slesar, Nea Hoyt, Allison Godfrey, Tom Jackson, Charlotte and Todd Maynard, Paige Griglun, Tina Champagne (Science teacher), Shalisha Smith (Science teacher), Karen Sullivan, Petra Eldh, Helen Gallo, Ruth Raphael (alumna member)

### Meetings:

We will alternate between the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month to allow for everyone to participate. The next meeting is October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the school.

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