Teachers Breakfast Engagement

Meeting Date: February 5th 2025 Time: 8:30-9:30am Location: AP Giannini

Number of Participants: ~ 35 (admin

and teachers)

Project Team in Attendance:

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NOTES FROM PARTICIPANTS + BOARDS

- Overall excitement for the initial concept ideas, like the additional shade, the strengthened community zone, play slopes, and creative seating (platforms, planter edge seating, multiuse play tables, and log steppers)
- Pollinator Garden Club Students and parent volunteers have invested significant effort into the existing pollinator gardens and would like to see these areas preserved and enhanced with specific species, they meet 1st Sunday of every month
 - Shade Tree: Garden coordinator suggested reducing the number of shade trees in the middle planter to prevent excessive shading of certain plants,
 - Would like to see more flowering and fruiting natives
 - Prefers native shade trees such as madrone, bay laurel, and oak as potential shade tree options to complement the existing garden
 - They mentioned a couple things that would support the garden: irrigation, access to mulch. Sometimes they have to lay down boards from the lower garden and wheel mulch up or carry it in buckets up the stairs
 - The CA Native Pollinator group has planted over 100 plants so far, all
 with value to various pollinators or birds and with a particular focus on
 host plants for Lepidoptera
 - Planting list of existing plants is archived by the design team
- Important to keep the long jump, over 250 students sign up for track each year

- Bike program is approx. 14 weeks, 30 students on bikes at a time
- Would like to be able to circulate the site for the bike program on a traditional round track
- Need to be mindful of sightlines through planters and where yard duty supervisors could stand during lunch
- Several teachers commented that they loved the play slopes and could be a fun
 way to circulate the site (just make sure that it is ropes, etc. aimed for middle
 schoolers)
- More wall ball opportunities, maybe along back side of site?
- Concern for the quality of the contractor during construction
- The science teacher loves the idea of having more pollinator areas of the yard for nature walks and lessons
- There is strong enthusiasm for the proposed terraced seating between the upper and lower yard PE teachers requested seating on the upper yard side as well, so that it can be utilized by PE classes













