



Information and Action Item: The O'Toole Family Gift to Hubbard Woods

TO: School Board

FROM: Dr. Susan Pingitore, Chief Financial Officer/CSBO

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Overview & Background

Brian and Linda O'Toole would like to see the installation of a garden for student care and use at the school. This garden would be located near the west entrance of the gym to the side of the playground area. The garden would be in memory of Linda O'Toole's Aunt Ruth, who loved gardening.

The garden would be approximately 30 square feet and would be surrounded by a wooden fence with a gate. The fence would be to keep out animals and the gate would allow children access to go in and out of the garden to tend to the plants. See attached image of fencing.

A Hubbard Woods Garden Committee has been meeting all year to discuss this project and there is commitment on the part of parents and faculty to see that this garden is cared for and integrated into the curriculum.

It is estimated that the fence and soil preparation and plants would cost will cost \$7,800. The Hubbard Woods PTO has an additional \$500 in their budget to help maintain the garden and fence after it is established.

This project has the support of the Hubbard Woods faculty, many parent volunteers, and the Hubbard Woods Garden Committee. In addition, Adam Rappaport, Director of Buildings and Grounds, reviewed the project. There is concern that the fence will need frequent maintenance.

Recommendation

This gift, valued at \$8,000, is recommended for approval upon the commitment of the PTO to maintain the fence and receipt of a Certificate of Insurance from the contractor.

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