

Franklin Community School

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summary:

Community Studio assisted a parents organization with the development of a long-term vision for their local school yard. With the group's input we developed design principles and then prepared and facilitated a two-day charrette. Community Studio supplied base maps and precedent images and worked with groups of parents, teachers, administrators, neighbors and students to draw up a concept plan for the site. We then synthesized a final plan from the ideas and scenarios that were considered by the various charrette teams. The illustrated concept plans and drawings have been used by the parents organization as a fundraising tool and they have been presented to the area school board and displayed at community events.

Revitalizing Franklin School Grounds

What is the Franklin Revitalization of our School Grounds (FROG)?

Who is the Franklin Community?

What is the Community Studio?

How did the design process happen?

What's next?

What do you think?

CONTEXT MAP

PROPOSED ACTIVITY ZONES

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL USER GROUPS

Section A - a

Section C - c

Section B - b

Community gardens
Community information board and picnic tables

Improved basketball/soccer courts
Existing Franklin School
New covered play area
Preschool
Central plaza
Playground equipment
Adventure playground
Turf soccer and baseball field
Bocce courts

The preschool is moved closer to the street to eliminate hiding places

Fence Detail
A small berm for seating and a fence that mimics the character of the houses in the neighborhood enclose the soccer/baseball field.

A mound in the adventure playground can turn into an island in a child's imagination

The preschool has a door for kids only!

Bocce courts at the far end of the play field

Section B - b
The view from the central plaza to the school - including a ramp for wheelchair and stroller access

This plan isn't the final version of what will happen at the school. We still need your input! Please let us know what you like, what you are concerned about, and what's missing.