

ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: February 6, 2012

AGENDA ITEM No. 12-02-08

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) Y

SUBJECT: Request for Matching Funds

INFO. CONTACT Patrick Rhodes PHONE: 919-732-8126

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request from Grady A. Brown Elementary School.
2. Matching Funds-Parent Teacher Organization/Booster Groups Policy #8430.

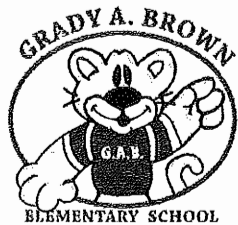
PURPOSE: To secure approval from the Board of Education for a \$1,000.00 matching funds request for Grady A. Brown Elementary School.

BACKGROUND: To encourage the participation and efforts of organized booster and parent-teacher groups in support of the schools, the Orange County Board of Education has established and operates a matching funds program. Each fiscal year, one group per school may request a one-time matching grant of up to \$1,000.00 on a dollar-for-dollar basis to match an amount of money generated by the group for the benefit of the school. To qualify for matching funds, the applicant group must agree to spend the total amount (both matching grant and collected funds) on a project that benefits a large school group and has a lasting value to the students.

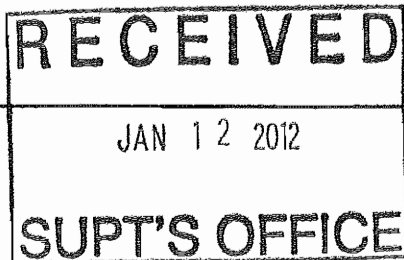
Following Board approval, in order for matching funds to be disbursed, school principals submit a Request for Reimbursement Form, with required documentation of expenditures, to the Director of Finance for processing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$1,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the request for matching funds for an appropriation of \$1,000.00 to Grady A. Brown Elementary School.



GRADY A. BROWN ELEMENTARY
Fay Jones, Principal



1100 NEW GRADY BROWN SCHOOL ROAD
HILLSBOROUGH, NC 27278
PHONE: 919.732-6138
FAX: 919-644-2800

January 12, 2012

To Superintendent Rhodes,

I so appreciate all you and the Orange County School Board have done to support the students at Grady A. Brown Elementary. Our upper grade students are so HAPPY playing on our brand new state of the art playground area! However, this request is for a \$967.15 matching grant for the for a generous PTA gift.

Some time ago, the PTA asked for a playground improvement wish list from the staff. Therefore at a staff meeting, tables of GAB staff brainstormed a list of items. One of the items was for benches for our Pre-K to 1st Grade playground area. This play area could use some benches for the children and adults to enjoy. The metal benches could be placed right up next to the building which could provide optimal shade and would still allow a panoramic view of the play area for supervision. These benches could greatly enhance our play area and benefit the students and adults at Grady A. Brown Elementary School.

Sometimes when our children fall and get hurt while playing, they need a place to recoup while teachers doctor their scrapes with bandaids. These children sometimes need a place to relax until they feel comfortable playing again. Also some children come to school with broken legs or arms and doctors have written notes to excuse these children from playing. These children do come outside with their classes but there currently isn't a place for them to sit, relax and enjoy the weather. Sometimes children get winded and just need a quiet safe place near an adult to sit and catch their breath until they are ready to run about again. Teachers also could use a place to collect and bounce ideas off one another while supervising the children at recess. Benches could help in all of these situations.

These benches could benefit a wider spectrum of people other than just our Pre-K to first grade students and adults. Since we have a Community Schools After School Program that meets at GAB, more children and adults could benefit from a relaxing place to sit out of the sun. Since OCS does permit people from the community to utilize school play areas on the weekends, neighboring families could enjoy the benches on the weekends and summer time.

Our PTA President, Mrs. Monschein and myself have met with Mr. Frank Meadows, our playground and safety coordinator for the school system. He gave his approval of the bench specifications. The benches are metal and would hold up over time. They would have a lasting value for our play area.

Therefore I humbly request you to petition the school board for a \$967.15 matching grant on our behalf. Through fundraisers, our PTA has secured the required one thousand dollars to meet the minimum requirement for a matching grant. We would appreciate the school board's consideration of our grant request. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fay Jones



GRADY A BROWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

1100 New Grady Brown School Road

Hillsborough, NC 27278

Phone: (919) 732-6138

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January 10, 2012

Fay Jones, Principal
Grady A Brown Elementary School
1100 New Grady Brown School Rd.
Hillsborough, NC 27278

Dear Ms. Jones,

Could you please submit a request to Superintendent Rhodes for a matching grant on our behalf? The pre-K – 1st grade playground is in need of two benches for the teachers. The PTA has \$1,000 in our general budget to meet the minimum requirement to match the grant. The \$1,000 is typically allocated each year to support either the school nurse, gym, playground equipment or the outdoor facilities. Our annual budget is supported by fundraisers such as the sale of coupon books.

This year we have had a request from the pre-K – 1st grade teachers for benches for their playground. The 2nd – 5th grade teachers have places to sit on their respective playgrounds. However, there are no benches at the present time on the pre-K – 1st grade playground.

We have selected a couple of benches from Playworld Preferred. They are currently on sale until January 31st for \$831.00 (see attached quote and photo). With taxes and shipping the total for two benches comes to \$1934.31. Therefore, I am requesting a check for \$967.15 to pay for one of the benches.

The teachers spend most of the day on their feet and would like a place to sit down for a short time while supervising outside.

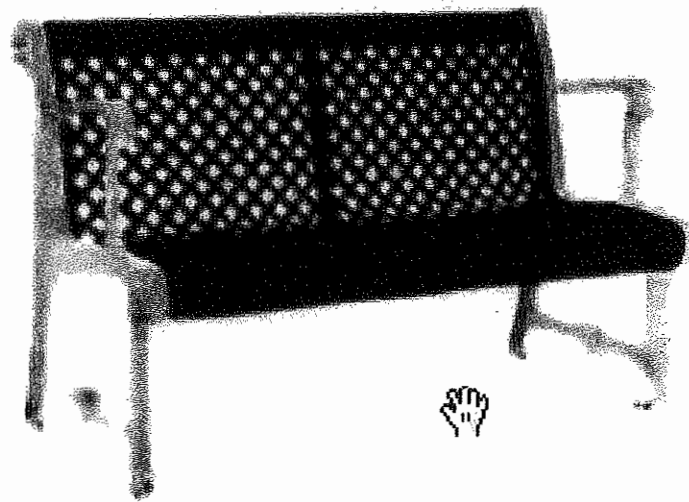
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Monschein', is written over a circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rachel Monschein

Grady Brown Elementary School PTA President



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ZZXX1464	4' (1.22m)
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QUOTE

Date	Quote #
12/16/2011	FTCBQ1107

Bill To:
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Site/End User:
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Ship To:
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Quote is valid for 30 days
 50% Deposit Required (Government excluded)

Ship Via	Sales Representative	Prepared By
Best Way	Francis Blanchard	Francis Blanchard

Qty	Item #	Description	Unit Price	Ext. Price
2	ZZXX1462	Contour Bench 6' FRAME COLOR: SEAT COLOR: *Price Valid until January 31st, 2012*	\$831.00	\$1,662.00

SubTotal	\$1,662.00
Tax Rate	6.75 %
Sales Tax	\$122.31
Shipping	\$150.00
Total	\$1,934.31

*We appreciate the opportunity to work with you on this project.
 If this quotation does not meet your needs or expectations we will be happy to make any revisions necessary.*

**MATCHING FUNDS-PARENT
TEACHER ORGANIZATION/
BOOSTER GROUPS**

Date Reviewed/Approved: 02/05/07

Policy Number: 8430

Rescinds Policy Number: LEBA, LEBA

Issued: 10/06/80, 2/03/1992, 04/19/2004

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Booster groups that represent more than one school are also eligible for this annual matching grant, provided the project benefits all schools represented by the multi-school booster group. Such groups shall submit matching grant requests directly to the superintendent for funds separated and apart from those made available to the individual schools. Matching funds for multi-school booster groups shall also be limited to \$1000 per year.

To qualify for matching funds, the applicant group must agree to spend the total amount (both matching grant and collect funds) on a project that benefits a wide school group population and has a lasting value to the students.

Each request must be submitted to the superintendent for his/her recommendation to the school board for its action prior to any expenditure. The request must include a list of the item(s) to be purchased, the total cost of the item or project, and a short description of the benefits to the schools. All requests for matching funds should be submitted as early in the school year as possible so that students can receive the full benefit of the project in the year funded. Requests will not be accepted after March 15 and projects must be completed in the same fiscal year unless you are granted administrative approval to exceed the standard completion date.

Legal Reference: G.S. 115C-36, 115C-47, 115C-276, 115C-288