

Education Outside: Learning, Connecting and Sustaining Our Community Y-PLAN Elementary: Architecture Think Tank



Presentation + Gallery of Creative Proposals

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

9:30 am – 10:30 am Malcolm X Academy

Mr. Moore, and Ms. Jung's 3rd and 4th grade students developed design ideas for the Education Outdoors learning area, while exploring issues related to sustainability, cultural connections and the larger HOPE SF community. The students worked with Shirl Buss, Jimmy Zhang, and Rebecca Lopez from the UC Berkeley Center for Cities + Schools and Prescott Reavis from the SF National Organization of Minority Architects on a series of hands-on architecture and planning projects to express their visions for how the redevelopment project adjacent to the school can be a catalyst for positive change in the community.

The student proposals include: two different approaches to developing the outdoor learning area, one focused on Malcolm X and cultural themes related to the school community, and the other focused on the larger community and cultural themes for the HOPE SF housing development. Each contains shade structure and learning tools; gathering and reflective circle; pathways and gateways; planting beds for fruits and vegetables; and flowers and trees. Both proposals incorporate water and wind harvest and conservation, as well as healthy food production and consumption.