



Growing Minds.
Building Community.

Talking Outline

MEETING WITH Mr. Gallup, City Manager City of Jefferson City



Building a Brighter Future for Our Children and Community



NELSON
MERRY PARK
JEFFERSON CITY

Our mission is to create a quality, nature-based preschool experience that nurtures young minds, strengthens families, and enriches the Jefferson City community.

TODAY'S OBJECTIVES

1

Present & Seek Approval of MOU



Request approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the use of Nelson Merry Park for our preschool.

2

Request Permission to Restore the Building



Request permission to begin the process of restoring the two old science classrooms and that portion of the building using personal funds while we continue securing additional funding.

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Goal: Open This Fall



Our goal is to open the preschool doors this fall when school opens—creating a valuable resource for families in our community.

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Contingent Plan: Start in My Home



To ensure we open on time, I have a contingent plan to begin in my home. I can become state licensed in-home with as few as 5 children.

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Community Garden Plan



We plan to begin the community garden in July.

- Preferred Location: Nelson Merry Land
- Alternative Location: Donaldson Land



1. PRESENT & SEEK APPROVAL OF MOU

- I am presenting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining our intent to use Nelson Merry Park for our preschool.
- This partnership supports the City's goals of community enrichment, education, and responsible use of public spaces.
- We are committed to being good stewards of this space and serving local families.



2. REQUEST PERMISSION TO RESTORE THE BUILDING

- I am requesting permission to begin the process of restoring the two old science classrooms and that portion of the building.
- I will invest my personal funds to initiate the restoration while we continue pursuing additional grants and funding.
- This proactive step ensures we move forward without delay and demonstrates our commitment to this project and the City.



3. GOAL: OPEN THIS FALL

- Our goal is to open the preschool doors this fall when school opens.
- This will provide a much-needed early education option for families and support working parents in our community.
- A successful opening will lay the foundation for long-term growth and sustainability.



4. CONTINGENT PLAN: START IN MY HOME

- To ensure we open on time, I have a contingent plan to begin in my home.
- I can become state licensed in-home with as few as 5 children.
- This plan ensures that we can serve children and families this fall, regardless of the building timeline.



5. COMMUNITY GARDEN PLAN

- We plan to begin the community garden in July.
- Preferred Location: Nelson Merry Land
- Alternative Location: Donaldson Land
- The garden will provide hands-on learning, promote healthy habits, and strengthen community connections.

NEXT STEPS



Approval of MOU to move forward together.



Permission to begin restoration with personal funds.



Collaborate on final steps to open this fall.



Confirm garden location and begin in July.



Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued support of early childhood education and community growth in Jefferson City.

TOGETHER, WE CAN GROW A STRONGER FUTURE.