Brian and Robyn would like the BOE to consider the creation of a new club (Gardening Club) at the high school that would do fundraising. Advisors will be volunteer staff that would be appointed if the BOE authorizes establishment of the club and the extraclassroom account.

In an effort to assist in building a strong school community and support students in learning, we would like to propose a new club. This gardening club would focus on empowering students to interact with the outdoors, connect what they are learning to real life experiences, and build a community through gardening. This is a club that will allow students to explore the world of plants and garden maintenance.

The mission of this club is to help provide a chance for students to feel ownership in the school and allow students to develop connections with one and other, strengthening the school community. Gardening is an interest that many of our students have, and would bring together a group of diverse people all with a common goal: to make our school a better place. This is also an opportunity for students to have a hands on experience with the concepts they learn routinely in class.

We will be completing the basics of gardening, which will connect science standards to real life experience, enhance school community, and open up opportunities for cross curricular learning. The following encompasses the gardening club:

- *Learn basic gardening*
- *Activities include but are not limited to weeding of plants, discussing garden designs, planting new plants, propagating, and pruning*
- *Plant visually appealing flowers*
- *The location will start in the courtyards and grow to the rest of the school*
- *Some of our gardening will involve students using non power tools common to gardening, like shovels, rakes, and gardening spades. This will be done under the supervision of teachers, and with training on how to use these hand tools*
- *We intend to fundraise for supplies and plants*
- *This will be a volunteer club*

We would like the Board of Education to please consider this club, as it has a strong potential to help strengthen the community at the school, increase student ownership and understanding of concepts, and helping the school aesthetically.