VISION STATEMENT

“In partnership with our community, Steele’s mission is to provide children with the skills, knowledge, and values necessary to become productive citizens in a dynamic and diverse society. We seek high academic achievement by providing a challenging environment and by fostering cooperation between students.”

GOALS

1. Improve age-appropriate and safe play opportunities
2. Further enhance hands-on learning through all the senses
3. Create opportunities to broaden cultural knowledge at a global level
4. Celebrate the historical significance of the school
5. Create sustainable landscapes that are low maintenance

Spatial Diagram

- Moving the ECE playground to the north side of the school opens up an excellent quiet area for an easily accessible outdoor classroom.
- Extending the multi-purpose play field to the east and laying sod adjacent to the new ECE playground provides maximum natural play space for the children.
- Enhancing the NW gardens with various science-related and garden-related elements creates a wonderful learning environment.
- Separation of ECE, Primary, and Intermediate play areas and play elements allows for safer play.
- Offering seating options for parents in the front of the school creates a comfortable social environment.

Aesthetic Ordering Systems

LIFE CYCLE:

- Draws on strong academic interest in science, nature, and natural surroundings
- Pulls already established butterfly garden into the design of the landscape
- Gives school sense of “progression through time.” As child grows and advances they follow the landscape through the stages of the life cycle (metamorphism) of the butterfly.
- Offers idea of “random motion” and special “stopping points in landscape.”
- Creates new color scheme for landscape elements

HISTORICAL ALLUSION:

- Incorporates historical building with rich past by pulling geometric design from tile and stucco on roof.
- Replicates the beauty of this design in the landscape by layering and overlapping different geometric shapes in different patterns.
- Influences artwork by tiling tables in same colors and patterns.

The art of progress is to preserve order amid change and to preserve change amid order. 
- Alfred North Whitehead