



Phase 2: Kickoff & Idea Collection

SPB ACTIVITY (K-8)

OBJECTIVE: The Steering Committee spreads the news about the SPB process and starts collecting ideas from the student body.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

- *Elementary Idea Collection Survey*
- 2 different colors of sticky notes

TIMELINE: It is recommended this activity is used to facilitate idea collection from the student body in a classroom setting.

APPROXIMATE LESSON LENGTH: 1 class period

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Set Up Process

- Steering Committee members will work together in groups of two or three and be given an assigned grade (class) to visit and conduct this activity for idea collection.
- Before visiting the classrooms, steering committee members will organize materials that they will need to run the activity. They can practice during steering committee meetings to prepare for their presentations.

2. Collecting Ideas

- The steering committee will present the activity, pass out the materials (when they are ready), and run the activity.
 1. Today we will be sharing information about what School Participatory Budgeting (SPB) is and how to be involved in the process. How many of you like to have a “say” in how your classroom is run? What rules does your class go by? What playground equipment is for your use? School Participatory Budgeting puts some of those decisions in your hands. You and your classmates will get to put in a vote for things that make your school a better place.
 2. **Present** the slide showing two areas in which students will place their ideas and tell us why their idea will improve the school.

3. The Steering Committee will **pass out** sticky notes to the students and have them **write** their ideas on one and the why on the other. Remind them that no idea is a bad idea as long as it is school related.
4. When students have placed their ideas on the board, the Steering Committee can **read** some aloud, **ask** questions, and/or comment on what they like about the idea. **Encourage** everyone to use their “voices.”
5. Once complete, the Steering Committee members will come back to their meeting to **share** the ideas each group gathered.