Three students in a Technology Education graduate class on Sustainable Development have completed a redesign of the interior courtyard at Menallen Elementary School in the Uniontown School District.

Paul Beard, Brian Anderson, Michael Grubbs, and Professor Peter Wright attended the final August meeting to share their planning results for the Menallen Courtyard Project. The graduate students designed a walkway, outdoor stage with seating, butterfly garden and fitness trail. They also developed detailed cost estimates, and provided the school with a portable project map and a project Power Point that can be used in fundraising.

Low maintenance, durability and sustainability were three of the main criteria used in the design.

Four teachers from Menallen Elementary School including organizer, Michelle Komacek, attended the final presentation meeting with Principal Chuck Yasechko.

“The Technology Education graduate students did a great job helping us flesh out our courtyard plans,” Yasechko said. “This type of cooperation between the university and local schools is great for the community. In fact, we are already hard at work lining up funding to complete this project.”