

D90 Green Team Meeting

January 12, 2010 Minutes

In attendance:

Thomas Hagerman, Julie Moller, Laura Maychruk, Keary Cragan, Steve Wade, Sue Crothers, Teresa Larocca, Kim Stoarski, Katarina Berin and Liz Ziehl

The November 2009 Minutes were Approved.

I. District Update

Joanne Trahanas and Amy Raines have been accepted to C2S2 (Climate Change Student Summit) at the Museum of Science & Industry. This seminar group is sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and builds educators knowledge of current climate research and provides resources to teach it to students.

Utilizing the information gathered from 17 community focus groups, D90 continues Strategic Planning, working toward our education platform for the next 3-5 years.

Facilities are a big part of the plan with security upgrades and work to improve life safety and brain spaces. Following a series of recommendations from Roosevelt student's energy audit, D90 is installing infrared motion flushing toilets.

The TIF issue has been resolved and upwards of \$1.8 M could be coming to the district.

Tuesday, Feb 2, the Committee of the Whole will introduce broad goals setting for the strategic plan. Overall goal is to have 2011 be the start of the strategic plan implementation.

II. Roosevelt Update

On Dec. 18 the students performed a pilot program replacing individual serving water bottles with water coolers. This went well with easy clean up and great cooperation from the kids. 4 new 5-gallon water coolers with spouts will be self serve at Fun Lunch.

8th grade lock in will also use these cooler and have NO water bottles provided.

January 12 and 13th Roosevelt will be conducting waste audits. The results will follow at the next Green Team meeting.

II. Lincoln

A new Green Student club was formed in January with 3 parent volunteers and 1 teacher liaison. They are aiming for 5 meetings this year – 1/month with these goals:

1. Planning for Earth Week
2. Bulk school supply ordering
3. Constant contact to replace some Friday Folder paper

Science Night will feature worm composting.

There has been some discussion on offering reusable bags for any school event.

III. Willard

Friday Folder is PTO page is now electronic with links to flyers and RevTrak. Only 36 households don't get the email.

The kids continue to compost using the composter bought with proceeds of snack taxi and sandwich wraps last year. There is also at least one earthworm farm in the classrooms.

Willard is contacting Fun Lunch vendors to see if they can provide lunch in more green alternative containers, ideally with no Styrofoam since it is not recyclable in our town.

There is a new Party Planning spot stocked with reusable plates, pitchers, cups and tablecloths. It is located in the PTO cabinet in the hall North of the LLC. It's available for all in school parties

V. Old Business - Planning for Earth Week plan ideas:

- Involving other community schools. Coordinate some school activities as well as do your own.
- A brochure of all available activities at each school
- Having a Green home tour.
- A speaker to the whole community or available for various engagements. Need to CALENDAR these events.
- Something at each school, ie. Composting at Willard, ZERO water bottles at Roosevelt...
- Zero waste - Bring your drink in a recyclable container, wrap your sandwich in foil
- Bike/Walk to school all week. Including walking "buses."
- All Heads in Helmets – promoting safe biking
- Water bottles – River Forest Park District – recycling.
- Each school could collect unusual recyclable items like cell phones, batteries, eyeglasses... Kids could decorate cardboard boxes for recycling bins. These could also be put up at various local town offices and businesses.

Kerri will contact D97 schools, Dominican and Trailside Museum.

Sue will contact Park District, Police, Village Hall and Whole Foods.

Katarina will contact the Library.

Laura will contact St. Lukes.

Kim will contact OPRF

Liz will contact Jewel and Trader Joes.

VI. New Business

Katarina showed a brochure from the Chicago Center For Green Technology with seminars available at

www.cityofchicago.org/Environment/GreenTech

Sue suggested Peggy Notebart museum has some seminars available at

<http://www.naturemuseum.org/index.php?id=262>

Green Cleaning, Worm Composting, Corporate Lecture Series featuring Gary Hirshber from Stonyfields. (how being green can be good for your bottom line)