

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR A GREEN CITY
MINUTES**

**February 18, 2008
Gheens Academy Rm. 202
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

Attendance: Rosetta Fackler, Julie Fried, David Wicks, Leslie Wuorenmaa, Natalie Abram, Jerrimica Lock, Heather Kemp, Sherri Brown, Kimberly Boyd, Tim Baker, Darleen Horton, Jerry Durall, Donna Griffin, Molly Carpenter, Judy Gardner, Bill Kennedy, Barbara Clark, Brent Fryrear, Keith Mountain, Teddie Phillipson Mower, Layne Greenwell

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Teddie Phillipson-Mower and Donna Griffin. Introductions were made.

I. New Business:

1. Brent Fryrear discussed the three hour professional development course on sustainability awareness, environmental ethic and the partnership principles (and why they are important) and how employees can be more sustainable for the JCPS summer series. This PD is geared towards Instructional Assistants, Plant Services and Custodial services. It is not curriculum based. It will provide a better understanding of environmental issues and how they can bring this knowledge into their lives through jobs or home. It is expected that a ½ million dollars in energy can be saved through some basic behavior changes. Anyone interested in helping in the development of this PD contact Donna Griffin: donna.griffin@jefferson.kyschools.us or Brent Fryrear: BFryrear@louisville.edu.

II. Working Groups:

1. “What should environmental educators know about Jefferson County?” document. We agreed that the length of each entry should not exceed 5 double spaced word processed pages with the idea that the information should be in a concise readily accessible format for easy location of pertinent facts. There are still many gaps in topics that could be filled in. For example, Teddie has spoken with a couple of people about an environmental justice section. There are a number of perspectives about this topic and we could benefit by having more than one or two pieces written in this area. While we are interested in specifics of our local environment, this is one topic that illustrates the interconnectedness of our local environment to global realities. If you know someone that might be interested in writing for this document please ask contact Teddie Phillipson Mower at t0phil01@gwise.louisville.edu. Some examples of possible pieces are biodiversity, public health (asthma,

lead, mercury, exercise, etc.), exploring the local environment by canoe, bike, or hiking, the geology of Jefferson County, cultural connections, changing behavior (what works), environmental heroes of Jefferson County, etc. These are just a few ideas.

2. Deadlines: First draft copies are due by MARCH 31st, 2009. Please have your submission completed as fully as possible, including pictures, tables, and graphs if used. We would like to start pulling to document together in April with a tentative release in June. Please send them in to Layne at: cenvired@louisville.edu and have them typed and ready to be reviewed.
3. We need volunteers to help with the reviewing process which will begin in April. If you are interested in being a part of this committee please email Layne at cenvired@louisville.edu. The following people showed interest in being a part of this committee: Rosetta Fackler, Kandris Goodwin, Donna Griffin, Keith Mountain, and Sherri Brown.
4. If you know anyone that has expertise in public health let Layne know at cenvired@louisville.edu. Bob Jacobs is interested in writing one piece and we are hopeful that we will have other contributions as well.
5. The reading level of each section needs to be middle school, so that the readers can easily understand and utilize the material. Pay attention to any jargon used that is specific to your area.

III. Announcements:

1. The Brightside Environmental Youth Summit is scheduled for March 19. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the event please email Layne Greenwell at cenvired@louisville.edu. This spring's summit will focus on five inventories from the KGHS initiative: transportation, green spaces (outdoor classrooms and gardening), energy, storm water, and resource management. Volunteers are needed to help with various areas of the Event. Two ways to help are through helping with inventories or helping with registration and traffic flow of students. On March 5th a PD is being offered to teachers signed up to participate in the Youth Summit. It is on the JCPS PD central and is titled: Youth Summit, Green and Healthy Schools. If you are a non JCPS teacher please contact Julie Shinton Fried at Julie.ShintonFried@louisvilleky.gov to register for the event. If your school has not registered to attend, February 19 is the deadline. Make sure to get your information in so that you may reserve a spot for your school and a substitute. Also, we are providing teachers with the opportunity to walk through the sessions their students will be involved in.
2. Darleen Horton: Science night at Chenoweth Elementary is focused on Environmental Education. Free food and entertainment will be provided. The Science night is scheduled for March 18th from 5-8 p.m. Everyone is invited! Also, Darleen recently attended a conference in Washington DC. There were 64 participants that were involved in focus group work. The videos Darleen presented involved teaching kids to do environmentally sound projects with water. The other participants at the conference were very interested in the great work KY is doing!

3. Rosetta Fackler announced that here is some funding left at KET. They are interested in learning objects. Please view the 'Rain drops to Rivers, Common Ground Cleaner Water' documentaries on Yourwater.org. If you see something that you would be interested in as a learning object please contact Rosetta Fackler at rosettar.fackler@ky.gov. We need 10-20 learning objects, so any input would be appreciated!
4. Molly Carpenter (Louisville Metro): We are celebrating World Water Week on March 22-28. This celebration will include a film festival. If you know of anything else going on that week that is already planned let Molly know so that they do not plan something at the same time. From March-May we are launching the second round of the Virtual Science Challenge. It is for students in 5th-10th grade. Upload your video to the website: virtualseiencechallenge.com and have a chance to win up to \$1000. Videos may be about anything from water and energy to health and fitness. Visit the virtualseiencechallenge.com website to learn more about the specifics of the challenge.
5. Brightside's Green Tie Bash is Friday, March 6th from 8p.m.-midnight at The Olmstead, 3701 Frankfort Avenue. For tickets and information visit: www.YPAL.org. Join for an evening of food, drinks, dancing and prize giveaways!

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. by Teddie Phillipson-Mower and Donna Griffin.