

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

**March 19, 2008**

**Gheens Academy Room G05-06 (Basement Level)**

**4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

Attendance:

Donna Griffin, Marcelle Gianelloni, Theodore Scott, Colvin Atchison, Darleen Horton, Jerry Durall, Brent Fryrear, Deborah Davis, Sue Green, Diane Drescher, Julie Fried, Kaki Robinson, David Wicks, Dee Lynch, Lisa Markowitz, Joy Hart, Jason Sanchez, Beth Inman, Angela Page, Jeffrey Liddle, Shannon Meredith, Judy Gardner, Tonya Swan, Hawk Hart, Judy Sanders, Georgia Drury, Betsy Ruhe, Peggy Eklof, Caryn Walker, Heather Kemp, Angelique Perez, Casey Sterr, Teddie Phillipson-Mower

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The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm by Teddie Phillipson-Mower and Donna Griffin. Introductions were made.

Changes to the agenda:

- Earth Day Articles (David Wicks)
- Science Night at Chenoweth (Darleen Horton)

I. Presentations

1. Pennyrile Allied Community Services Nutrition Outreach and Wholeness Program (PACS NOW) – According to Angelique Perez, PACS NOW trainer, the purpose of this program is to provide a great variety of nutrition education and outreach programs in the context of schools and community sites. Currently PACS NOW is collaborating with JCPS and is already present in many local schools. In addition to working directly with students through programs like Eat Five and Thrive, PACS NOW also conducts staff trainings and professional development sessions for teachers and school administrators. Anelique sees changing the food and nutrition culture in JCPS/ Louisville as an important part of our efforts to green the city.

**ACTION:** All PACS NOW programs are free and include newsletters, recipes, and monthly drop-offs to schools. If you are interested in setting up a program at your school or community site, contact Angelique Perez at [angelique@pacs-ky.org](mailto:angelique@pacs-ky.org) or (502) 287-7358. Booking for next year has already begun so call soon!

2. Earth Force Training Report – At the end of February, the UofL Center for Environmental Education sent nine teacher delegates to Earth Force training in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The training included an overview of Earth Force's Community Action and Problem Solving (CAPS) program ([www.earthforce.org](http://www.earthforce.org)) which is based upon six steps to action. According to

Angela Page, one of the teacher delegates, the CAPS program emphasizes the importance students doing the work from start to finish. The students brainstorm ideas, vote, research/test their ideas, develop a realistic plan, implement the plan (action), and celebrate their accomplishments. They also develop the essential skills needed to conduct a survey, call someone on the telephone, and interview a member of the community. One member of the committee asked about liability issues involving student action. In response, a teacher delegate stated that the Earth Force steps to action deal with issues of liability through an established protocol.

The Earth Force CAPS program and the Kentucky Green and Healthy Schools Initiative (GHS) complement each other and provide a detailed framework in which students can attain real action outcomes. Once schools complete the GHS inventories the CAPS program can be implemented to move students to action in their community. In addition, Julie Fried is using both programs to feed the needs of students during the biannual Brightside Environmental Youth Summits.

**ACTION:** The nine Earth Force delegates will reconvene in May to discuss how to share this information with Green and Healthy schools interested in implementing the CAPS program. If you would like to become a Green and Healthy School email Maria Zoretic from the Kentucky Environmental Education Council at [greenschools@ky.gov](mailto:greenschools@ky.gov) or visit the Kentucky Green and Healthy Schools Website at <http://greenschools.ky.gov>.

3. Water Wonders Report (Donna Griffin) - The Spirit of Jefferson became a floating classroom on March 12 and April 2. The Louisville Water Company, Belle of Louisville Inc., and JCPS presented 6 inquiry centers related to the theme of the Ohio River. Each of the days there were approximately 120 students that participated. There is interested in expanding the number of days next fall.

No committee action needed at this time.

## II. Business

1. Committee Chairs Meeting of the Partnership Report – At this meeting, held on February 28, 2008, committee chairs discussed the desire to narrow down the six major themes decided upon by the Steering Committee to one theme that would be the common focus of all Partnership for a Green City Committees during the next fiscal year. The six themes and the votes received are listed below (the first number represents committee chair votes and the second number represents EEC member votes):
  - Climate Change 6 15
  - Energy Efficiency 6 14
  - Storm Water Management (Water Pollution Prevention)4
  - Zero Waste Community 6 19

- Open Spaces and Biodiversity 11            17
- Pedestrian Friendly 1            5
- Air Quality

Thus, the top three themes voted upon by EEC members are: *Climate Change*, *Zero Waste Community*, and *Open Spaces and Biodiversity*

**ACTION:** Come to a consensus on a theme for each year that will be changing as needed.

2. How Do You Present a Professional Development? In recognition of the numerous requests for PD development, Donna Griffin is working to set up a meeting time for those interested in writing a PD and mount the task as a group.

No committee action needed at this time.

3. The desire for a grant writing workshop was proposed by several committee members. The questions of who to bring and when to do it remain? Hawk Hart suggested scheduling a time before the end of the year to allow people time to work on grants this summer. Several people on the committee are interested. Thus, presenters will be solicited and a session will be determined.

No committee action needed at this time.

4. There is a grant available through My Hometown Helper.com. The grant is for an outdoor area for homeless children.

**ACTION:** In order to receive the grant money, Teddie needs people to give testimony detailing the need in Louisville. Call Teddie if you are willing to participate at (502) 852-0791.

III. Working Groups met. No news to report at this time.

IV. Announcements

1. **The next EEC meeting will be held on Wednesday April 16, 2008 from 4:30-5:30 PM at Gheens Academy Room 202.**
2. Earth Day Articles – David Wicks is soliciting Earth Day thoughts from members of the community to be compiled in a publication in honor of Earth Day. The submission should be about three paragraphs long and emailed to David Wicks at [david.wicks@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:david.wicks@jefferson.kyschools.us)
3. Darleen Horton is hosting a Family Fun Science Night at Chenoweth Elementary. Come see how environmental education is done. For details contact Darleen at [Darleen.horton@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:Darleen.horton@jefferson.kyschools.us)
4. Visually-Impaired and Hearing-Impaired students can attend Camp Crescendo for free. Contact Darleen Horton (see above) for more information and to get an application.

5. UofL's Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research will be hosting the Social Justice and Engaged Scholarship Symposium on April 3-4, 2008. On Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> Lisa Markowitz will be participating in the "Community Initiatives for Food Justice" Roundtable and David Wicks will be presenting "Undoing Racism." For more details visit <http://louisville.edu/externalaffairs/social-justice-and-engaged-scholarship-symposium.ics>.
6. The Louisville Zoo will be selecting another high school junior to be the Zoo's teen ambassador during Polar Bear International's week-long Polar Bear Leadership Camp in Churchill, Canada next fall. Students who will be juniors next fall can apply for this unique opportunity to work with scientists and observe polar bears. The application is available online at the Zoo's website [www.louisvillezoo.org](http://www.louisvillezoo.org). The application which includes a 1000 word essay is due by March 30, 2008. For more information you can call the Zoo at (502) 238-5328.
7. Earth Day at the Louisville Zoo will be held on Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in reserving a booth or participating in the daily events, contact Marcelle Gianelloni ([marcelle.gianelloni@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:marcelle.gianelloni@louisvilleky.gov)) and she will pass your requests along to the event staff.