

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR A GREEN CITY  
MINUTES FROM MEETING  
APRIL 18, 2007  
Gheens Room 202  
Meeting: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Working Groups: 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.**

Attendance:

Donna Griffin (JCPS), Tim Baker (Meyzeek Middle School), Jean Anne Clyde (UofL), Angelique Perez (UofL & CFA), Corey Shircliff (Brown High School), Johnny Brinkworth (UofL Biology), Laura LaPradd (UofL Dept of Psych), Jenny Cundiff (UofL Dept of Psych), Rachel Knecht (UofL), Daniel Bright (UofL), Darleen Horton (Chenoweth Elementary), Amy Lowen (Louisville Science Center), Marcelle Gianelloni (Louisville Zoo/ Nature Center), Matthew Edlin (UofL), Angela Page (Male High School), David Wicks (JCPS), Julie Fried (Brightside), Emily Conn (UofL)

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Donna Griffin. Introductions were made.

I. Presentations

1. Youth Summit Report (Julie Fried) – Students from grades 4 through 12 will participate in the Earth Day Youth Summit, an interactive gathering of area students to discuss environmental issues. The summit has been designed by local students to help youth and schools engage in committing to improve the environment. It concludes with students participating in a volunteer cleanup of Eva Bandman Park. This is the seventh year the student cleanup has been held the day after Thunder Over Louisville in this park. Held in conjunction with Earth Day, the Creative Youth Environmental Summit is hosted by the Partnership for a Green City.

No committee action needed at this time.

2. UofL Delegation for Sustainability on Campus (Johnny Brinkworth) – This weekend (April 20-22), student delegates from UofL along with students from other colleges and universities in Kentucky will convene at ECU to brainstorm and discuss ways to promote sustainability on their respective campuses. After the conference, the UofL delegates will compose an environmental ethic to be presented to the President, Provost, and Vice President of Business Affairs. This environmental ethic will provide the foundation needed to address issues of sustainability on campus. The hope is to have this ethic in place before the Fall 2007 semester begins.

No committee action needed at this time.

3. Student Research in Environmental Education at UofL – Student research papers will be posted on the UofL Center for Environmental Education website.
  - Four different pilot studies focusing on physical activity and environmental education in schools have been conducted by students (Laura LaPradd, Jenny Cundiff, Rachel Knecht, Daniel Bright, and Matthew Edlin) from the UofL Department of Brain Sciences under professor Dr. Barbara Burns. Summaries of the studies are attached to this email.
  - Angelique Perez, also a student at UofL and a member of the Community Farm Alliance, implemented her Youth Food Diary Project with students in three different JCPS schools. To date, she has received over 400 three-day food diaries. The preliminary results are disturbing – many students eat one or less vegetable a day, and/or one or less fruit a day, and many of them frequently consume fast-food. For more information on this project, contact Angelique at [acpere01@gwise.louisville.edu](mailto:acpere01@gwise.louisville.edu)
  - Beginning in the Fall 2007 semester, undergraduate students in the UofL Honors Program will focus their studies on environmental issues. In the Spring 2008 semester, these students will have the opportunity to conduct environmental research projects.

ACTION: If you have ideas or suggestions for possible student research projects, contact Dr. Barbara Burns, [bburns@louisville.edu](mailto:bburns@louisville.edu) (Please make subject title very specific).

## II. New Business

1. Updated EE provider list (David Wicks) – The JCPS Center for Environmental Education is in the process of compiling an environmental education resource list/database to be distributed throughout the county. The organization list is currently divided into JCPS, Metro Louisville, and UofL. In addition to basic contact information there will also be a paragraph description of the organization. During the meeting, there was a suggestion that the organizations be divided into categories based on what they provide (i.e. Grants, Field Trips, PDs, etc) to make it more of a searchable database.

ACTION: The current list is attached to this email. Please look it over for mistakes or additions and email Jennifer Crask at [Jennifer.Crask@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:Jennifer.Crask@jefferson.kyschools.us) or call David Wicks at 485-3295.

## III. Working Group Reports and News

1. Food Group Update (Donna Griffin) – Kaki Robinson and Carol Gunderson conducted a Food PD at Blackacre which coincided with the EEC Meeting. According to Donna Griffin, the PD was purposefully advertised to a more inclusive audience including public and private school teachers, pre-service teachers, and the general public.

No committee action needed at this time.

2. Outdoor Classrooms Update (Darleen Horton) – During their last meeting, the group created an initial plan for a Schoolyard Sampler; a bus tour of five different outdoor classrooms that will provide a snapshot of different types of outdoor classrooms at different stages of development. The tour is tentatively schedule for Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm with possible sights including Kennedy Montessori, Chenoweth Elementary, Meyzeek Middle, Farnsley Middle, and Fairdale High School. The limit will be 45 people due to the size of the bus. All EEC Committee members present thought this was an excellent idea.

ACTION: If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding the Schoolyard Sampler, please contact Darleen Horton at [Darleen.horton@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:Darleen.horton@jefferson.kyschools.us)

3. Jefferson Memorial Forest Proposal Update (Donna Griffin) – The group is continuing with their native plantings. Angela Page and her students at Male High School are working on the Beargrass Creek initiative and Eastern and Central have recently come on board with the Miles Park initiative. Tonya Swan will provide more information at the next EEC meeting.

No committee action needed at this time.

#### IV. Announcements –

1. PD sessions coming up:
  - A. April 25<sup>th</sup>: Outdoor Classrooms presented by Donna Griffin, Bryan Thompson, and Kaki Robinson - 4:30 to 7:30 pm at John F. Kennedy Montessori School. Sign in at office and meet in the library.
  - B. June 25-29, 2007: Louisville Inquiry Summit. 8:30 to 3:30 pm at the Loiusville Science Center. For more information contact Carrie Bohnert, Education Programs Coordinator at (502) 560-7161
2. April 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>: Campus Community Partnership for Sustainability 2007 Conference at ECU. For more information visit [www.greencampusky.org](http://www.greencampusky.org)
3. April 22<sup>nd</sup>: The Youth Summit will be held on Earth Day at the Mellwood Arts & Entertainment Center from 1-3:30 p.m. with a clean-up of Eva Bandman Park immediately following from 3:30-5 p.m (rain cancels cleanup only). Students from 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to participate and can earn service hours. For more information visit Brightside's website at [www.brightsideinc.org](http://www.brightsideinc.org), or contact Julie Fried at [Julie.ShintonFried@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Julie.ShintonFried@louisvilleky.gov)

4. April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Party for the Planet: Earth Day at the Zoo. Public art project Baby elephant 12- 4 pm. For more information visit the website <http://www.louisvillezoo.org/events/earthday-organizations.htm>
5. **The next Environmental Education Committee Meeting will be held at Gheens Room 202 on May 16, 2007 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. This will be the last meeting before summer break. However, we encourage you to continue meeting with your working groups over the summer.**

The committee meeting ended at 5:31pm.

Thank you to everyone who stayed after the meeting and completed the *How are we doing?* Surveys and the Environmental Literacy Questionnaires. Your input is much appreciated.

A few committee members met after the meeting from 5:30-6:00 pm