

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

**AGENDA**

**May 16, 2007**

**Gheens, Room 202**

**4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

Attendance:

Donna Griffin (JCPS), Teddie Phillipson-Mower (UofL), David Wicks (JCPS), Emily Conn (UofL), Angelique Perez (CFA), Carol Gunderson (Food Literacy Project), Darleen Horton (Chenoweth Elementary), Kaki Robinson (Kennedy Montessori), Tami Harbolt-Bosco (Metro Animal Services), Beth Inman (Ballard High School), Jason Sanchez (Louisville Science Center), Judy Gardner

The meeting was called to order at 4:42 p.m. by Teddie Phillipson-Mower and Donna Griffin. Introductions were made.

I. Presentations

1. Lassiter Middle School's EE Optional Magnet Program (Donna Griffin) – At the beginning of May members from the Partnership for a Green City, including Donna Griffin and David Wicks from JCPS, Teddie Phillipson-Mower from UofL, and Tonya Swan from Jefferson Memorial Forest met with Mr. Roberts, the Principal of Lassiter Middle School, to discuss the reinvigoration of the environmental education optional magnet program. A two day meeting was scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss curricular details with a steering committee that includes 10 teachers from Lassiter. Jefferson Memorial Forest, pre-service teachers from UofL, and the JCPS Center for Environmental Education will also be involved in the reinvigoration process. Another goal is to excite and encourage faculty in elementary schools that feed into Lassiter to integrate EE into instruction so that middle school can be seen as a place to continue emphasis in EE. (SBDM approval)

No committee action needed at this time.

2. *How Are We Doing?* Survey Overview (Teddie Phillipson-Mower) – Detailed report attached to the minutes.

No committee action needed at this time.

3. Environmental Studies class at Ballard High School next year (Beth Inman) – Beth Inman who teaches Biology and Earth Science at Ballard will begin teaching an Environmental Studies class directed to seniors who have not historically done well in science.

ACTION: Beth would love any ideas and support from EEC members in developing this class. You can contact Beth at

4. Open Air Market (Donna Griffin) – JCPS Diversity and Multicultural Education office and Donna Griffin are developing a curriculum based on open air markets around the world. (Insert name of photographer here) is a phenomenal photographer who has taken photos of open air markets on all seven continents. These interesting photos will be used as primary sources in an interdisciplinary curriculum that integrates geography, economics, mathematics, and practical living. The curriculum and photographs will be available on the World Wide Web. Enlarged photos will also be available to be checked out and used in the classroom. The developers of this curriculum, including Donna, would be very interested in having involvement from anyone and everyone interested in food literacy and how open air markets build community. Next spring there is a possibility of working together with community groups, members of the Partnership for a Green City, and students who have spent the year invested in the curriculum to host an open air market. The possibilities are endless. Donna will keep us posted on any and all developments.

ACTION: If you would like to be involved or have suggestions for the open air market, contact Donna Griffin at [donna.griffin@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:donna.griffin@jefferson.kyschools.us)

## II. Old Business

1. Environmental Education Resource List Update (David Wicks) – The EE resource list is almost complete. There are a few more organizations that need to be contacted before it is released. If you would like to view the current resource list, contact David Wicks at [david.wicks@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:david.wicks@jefferson.kyschools.us)

## III. New Business

1. UofL Environmental Education Endorsement Program (Teddie Phillipson-Mower) – There will be two courses offered next Fall towards the impending EE endorsement program. These courses can also be used as areas of concentration for either the Rank I or Masters Programs. See attachment for details.

- IV. At this point each EEC member in attendance had the opportunity to briefly state a success as part of the EE Committee this year and a wish for next year's work when we reconvene. The successes and wishes are listed below:

Successes:

- Providing a voice and support for EE advocates
- Developing a PD on care of classroom pets
- All the wonderful people sharing and networking (collaboration)
- The information and interaction shared – It is a great opportunity for networking

- Learning about different groups involved
- This being my first meeting, I haven't had a chance to understand everything each member is involved in but in this meeting alone it has been interesting to hear all of the different programs/projects other people and organizations are involved in
- Networking opportunities
- Meeting on a regular basis and the minutes

Wishes:

- More involvement with Metro government agencies in working groups
- Further collaboration with middle school environmental education programs
- Indicators and measures developed for all projects/working groups
- To continue to be involved
- Like to see presenters at each meeting – i.e. GoodOil conversations to run diesel cars and truck on waste veggie oil (Beth Inman)
- We need to collaboratively develop a plan

#### V. Working Group Reports and Goals

1. Outdoor Classrooms (Darleen Horton) – The outdoor classrooms group is currently organizing an outdoor classroom sampler PD. See details in announcement section.
2. Food Group (Carol Gunderson and Angelique Perez) – The food group has not met in a while; however, there are several events that are taking place around town. See details in announcement section below
3. Jefferson Memorial Forest (Tonya Swan) – not present
4. Climate Change (Teddie Phillipson-Mower) – If you would like to be a part of the Climate Change working group simply attend the next Air Pollution Control District Climate Change Meeting facilitated by Art Williams. For details on the next meeting date and time call 574-6000.

#### VI. Announcements

1. **We encourage working groups to continue to meet during the summer, and the EE committee of the Partnership for a Green City will reconvene in August, 2007. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>; however, this coincides with the beginning of the school year. If you are interested in changing the meeting time to the following Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, email Teddie Phillipson-Mower at [t.phillipsonmower@louisville.edu](mailto:t.phillipsonmower@louisville.edu). Otherwise, meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of every month at Gheens.**
2. Upcoming PD Sessions:
  - A. May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup> – Angelique Perez along with Donna Benton will be presenting her food diary research and also sharing with teachers how they can use the diaries in their classrooms. For more information contact Angelique at

- B. June 6<sup>th</sup> – Different Ways of Knowing Curriculum Workshop. 8:30-11:30 am at Blackacre. This curriculum connects reading core content at the middle school level with EE articles concerning people, issues, and events over the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
  - C. June 15<sup>th</sup> – Outdoor Classroom Sampler. 9 to 3:30 pm meet at Chenoweth Elementary. Board a bus and tour five schools with outstanding outdoor classrooms. Visit with the teacher sponsors, participate in interdisciplinary activities that support core content and discuss strategies for developing and using the outdoor environment to support instruction. We will visit outdoor classrooms at Chenoweth Elementary, Meyzeek Middle, Kennedy Elementary, Farnsley Middle and Fairdale High School. (Bring a bag lunch) For more information contact Darleen Horton at [Darleen.horton@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:Darleen.horton@jefferson.kyschools.us). For directions to Chenoweth Elementary call Darleen's cell phone, (502) 551-9907. If you would like to register and are not employed by JCPS, call 485-3295.
  - D. June 25-29<sup>th</sup> – Louisville Inquiry Summit. 8:30 to 3:30 pm at the Louisville Science Center. For more information contact Carrie Bohnert, Education Programs Coordinator at (502) 560-7161.
  - E. August 15<sup>th</sup> – THE MOSAIC OF LIFE: Why Biodiversity Is Key to Our Survival on Earth. 4:30 to 7:30 pm at the Kentucky State Fair (This is the day before the fair, come get a sneak preview). This workshop will explore the 20,000-square-foot Mosaic of Life exhibition at the Kentucky State Fair, August 16-26, 2007, will be an incredible adventure into the amazing variety of life—the science of biodiversity—featuring imaginative exhibits, fascinating programs, and stunning photography. Kentucky's biodiversity will be featured, along with the biodiversity of Africa, the 2007 focus of the State Fair's think-global-act-local initiative, Project Global. The Kentucky State Fair is billed as "the ultimate field trip," offering a full schedule of fun learning activities related to the biodiversity theme, plus acres of exhibits and events related to agriculture, fine arts, government, heritage, and much, much more. Student worksheets and post-tour lesson plans will complement Core Content for Assessment and Life Science Modules.
3. Food Justice Forum - There will be a Food Justice Forum on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm at the Center for Health Equity, 2422 W. Chestnut Street. Bryant Terry, keynote speaker for the annual EarthSave Taste of Health, will speak with those interested in food justice. Below is a brief biography. If you are interested in attending, please e-mail Jennifer Rubenstein at [shemktmgr@wildoats.com](mailto:shemktmgr@wildoats.com) by May 18, 2007.

Bryant Terry founded b-healthy! (Build Healthy Eating and Lifestyles to Help Youth), a New York City-based non-profit made up of adult and youth social justice activists, chefs, and mothers working to strengthen the

food justice movement in the US. Bryant has received numerous awards for his work, which include an Open Society Institute Community Fellowship (Soros Foundation), a Wave of the Future Award (Glynwood Center), and a Sea Change Residency (Gaea Foundation). He is the author of *Grug: Ideas for an Urban Organic Kitchen* (with Anna Lappé) offering hands-on tools and menus to create healthy lives for themselves and their communities.  
[www.b-healthy.org](http://www.b-healthy.org)

4. Farmer's Markets:

California Market @ Victory Park  
Opening Day Celebration 6/2/07

Smoketown Shelby Park Market  
Opening Day Celebration 6/9/07  
(This market actually starts on June 2nd)

5. Family Farm Day on June 9<sup>th</sup>: The Food Literacy Project is seeking volunteers to help make our first Family Farm Day program a success at Oxmoor Farm on Saturday, June 9 (June 16 rain date) from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. We need help with a variety of activities for kids and families including:

- Making bread in the solar oven and homemade butter
- Garlic ice-cream making (if equipment is available. Does anyone have access to an old-fashioned ice-cream maker?)
- Making garden mint tea
- Pin the top on the garlic game
- Garden scavenger hunt
- Edible-Plant-parts twister game
- Story Hour
- Decomposer Tag
- Plant-a-Seed
- Crafts. If you have a special skill that would be appropriate for family day on a working vegetable farm, let us know!

For people who don't want to do a hands-on activity with kids but would like to help, we also need help with the following:

- Set-up in the morning
- Clean-up afterwards
- Registration Table/Parking
- Sign-making before the event

We are also seeking donations to our silent auction, so consider donating art or handmade crafts, gift certificates to restaurants that serve local food, seedlings for the garden, etc. If you have a special skill that would be useful,

let us know. If you are available June 9 or have ideas to help make our event a success contact Carol Gunderson at [farmercarol@gmail.com](mailto:farmercarol@gmail.com) or (502) 413-5989.