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Meeting of the Environmental Education Committee  
Of the Partnership for a Green City  
August 19, 2009; 4:30 to 5:30pm  
Gheens Academy, Room 204

Present: Donna Griffin, JCPS; Angeliq ue Perez, Food Literacy Project; Jerry Durall, Lassiter Middle School; Betsy Ruhe, Indian Trail Elementary; Judy Gardner, Kennedy and UofL Center for EE; Julie Fried, Brightside; Darleen Horton, Cane Run; Brent Fryrear, Partnership for a Green City; Emily Woods, Louisville Metro.; Kandris Goodwin, MSD; Keith Mountain, U of L; Sandra Terrell, Atherton High School; Rachel Connolly, U of L Rauch Planetarium; Sherri Brown U of L; John Delautre, St. Francis School; Cynthia Lee, Louisville APCD; Joan Shanahan, UofL Center for EE; Jason Delambre, Independent Energies; Kaki Robinson, Kennedy; Cass Harris, Louisville Metro.; Tonya Swan, Jefferson Memorial Forest; Teddie Phillipson-Mower, UofL Center for EE

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Changes to the agenda
- III. Presentations

- 1. Kentucky School Garden Network - John Delautre of St. Francis School and head of the KY school Garden Network described the aims of the organization as “increasing the bonds and communication” among those entities interested in or committed to supporting gardens as resources for KY schools.
  - a. Mr. Delautre stressed the Network’s focus on the 3 P’s: Policy (every school should have a garden that every student has access to), Proof (establish that gardens are good for students – measure outcomes), and Practice (help put theory into practice and implement school garden projects in KY).
  - b. The Network has sponsored and participated in a host of events - most recently a School Garden Tour. They are currently planning for the Healthy Foods, Local Farms Conference. There will be a Friday session focusing entirely on school gardens and outdoor classrooms on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration will open shortly on the Sierra Club website. <http://www.kentucky.sierraclub.org/events.asp>
  - c. **ACTION:**
    - i. **Join the network**
    - ii. **Visit Website to learn more:** [www.kyschoolgardens.org](http://www.kyschoolgardens.org)
    - iii. **Volunteer for or attend Healthy Foods Local Farms Conference**
    - iv. **Provide feedback on Agenda**
- 2. EEC document, “What environmental educators should know about Jefferson County” .
  - a. Teddie has received some chapters and passed on to editing team. Others have not been received (see list at end of minutes). **There is still time to include other chapters. Please notify Teddie if you have an idea that should be included.**
  - b. Kandris Goodwin suggested the document needs more of student voice. Perhaps we could recruit students to write an essay – “What do we need to know about where we live and our Environment?” or “How do we envision the Future of our Environment?”

- i. Brent offered that the Partnership could maintain a web-based document, which would help to keep the document relevant, especially in regards to student perspective.
  - c. Dr. Mountain brought up the introduction, suggesting this part would unify document. However a big challenge is defining the audience - "after all, what is an Environmental Educator? "
    - i. Teddie will share a classic environmental education article (Disinger) with the group that will help us to define terms and more clearly conceptualize who is included under the umbrella of environmental educators (teachers, non-formal eds., parents etc.). She suggested that we take a broad view that encompasses both formal (classroom teachers) and non-formal educators.
- 3. Guest Speaker- Jason Delambre – Informed group of his private consulting business working with cities to reduce carbon emissions.
- 4. Climate Change Committee of the Partnership for a Green City recommendations document – Brent Fryrear, Director of PGC and Cynthia Lee, Chair of the Climate Change Committee.
  - a. Presentation of the document- huge document with over 175 recommendations. Doc is on the Partnership website.
  - b. Outline of what is to happen from here- This document will assist city with reporting requirements to EPA.
  - c. **ACTION- Request for help in identifying implementation efforts of recommendations in document. Rachel Connolly volunteered to set up a google doc spreadsheet to help us compile this information into one document from the EEC. She will send it to Cynthia once we have recorded out responses.**
- 5. Goals for this year
  - a. **ACTION- Bring ideas for 3 goals for EEC to next meeting.** (Could use climate change recs. as a guide for goals). Group will vote during next meeting to determine committee goals for the year.

#### Announcements with response

- 1. Youth Summit (Julie, Teddie, Donna, Kandris) – October 13<sup>th</sup> at UofL.
  - a. **ACTION: Need mentors for breakout sessions. Suggestions for Teacher/mentor professional development date** are September 23, 28<sup>th</sup>, or 30<sup>th</sup>. The date will be sent out as soon as a decision is made. The PD will be held on UofL's campus.
- 2. Bioneers (Teddie) – October 16, 17, and 18<sup>th</sup> on UofLs campus.
  - a. **ACTION- Determine how the EEC will participate.** A subcommittee was formed to look into this and they will give a report at the next meeting. (Kandris, Rosetta, Kaki, Judy, and Brent)
- 3. DuPont Manual Garden/ UofL Garden (Learnsapes) – (Teddie, Kandris)
  - a. Garden at Manual High = Learnscape (tied to curriculum- curriculum and use will guide the development of garden). This will be in Partnership with Slow Foods Bluegrass.
- 4. Special Announcement – Donna Griffin is retiring in September and will be missed by all! Bryan Thompson is the sole staff member at Blackacre. JCPS Center for Env. Ed. Is now headed up by Marilyn Decker, who is also over Math and Science.

5. Announcement of Environmental Magnet Schools- Magnet Coordinators:
  - a. Cane Run- Darlene Horton
  - b. Portland Elementary- Brenda Stokes

#### Additional Announcements

KAAE (Kentucky Association of Environmental Education) will hold their annual conference at General Butler State Park on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information, go to [www.kaee.org](http://www.kaee.org)

NAAEE (North American Association for Environmental Education) will hold their annual conference in Portland, Oregon, October 7 – 10, 2009. For more information go to [www.naaee.org](http://www.naaee.org)

Save the date for the Healthy Foods/Local Farms Conference this year. There will be a new Friday session focusing on school gardens and outdoor classrooms on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration will open shortly on the Sierra Club website. Agenda will be included in this e-mail.

If you plan to work toward an Environmental Education program/degree at the University of Louisville spring semester (2010), contact the Education Admissions office to start the paper work. You may want to consider applying for a scholarship. The deadline for spring is in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Anquelique Perez

#### Chapters received for the EEC document:

- 1) What Should Environmental Educators know about Environmental Justice? – Michelle Amos and Jennifer Oladipo
- 2) What Should Environmental Educators know about the Louisville Zoo? – Gianelloni and Brown
- 3) What should Environmental Educators know about the Water of Jefferson County? Rosetta Fackler
- 4) Food, Farming, and the Environment - Gunderson and Robinson
- 5) Energy – Betsy Ruhe
- 6) Transportation – Beth Inman
- 7) Jefferson County Soil – Cheryl Bersaglia
- 8) Why Teach Environmental Education – Donna Griffin
- 9) What Environmental Educators Should Know About Jefferson County Air – Heather Kemp
- 10) Environmental Education Travels Across the Curriculum
- 11) Ellen Swallow Richard – Sarah Lynn Cunningham
- 12) Forests – Tonya Swan
- 13) Accessibility – William Penrod
- 14) Alternative Transportation – Jackie Green
- 15) Partnership for a Green City – Brent Fryrear

Five chapters out:

1. Biodiversity of Jefferson County
2. Reading the Natural Landscape of Jefferson County
3. Social Marketing and Jefferson County
4. JCPS recycling
5. Public and Environmental Health in Jefferson County