

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

September 17, 2008

College of Education and Human Development

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Attendance: Jeffrey Liddle, Chris Pickering, Julie Fried, Kandris Goodwin, Christy Reuter, Heather Kemp, Emily Conn, David Wicks, Rachel Davis, Betsy Ruhe, Teddie Phillipson-Mower, Layne Greenwell

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm by Teddie Phillipson-Mower. Introductions were made.

I. New Business:

1. Funding:

-The Grant-Writing for Environmental Education Projects PD will be on October 6th, 4:00 - 7:00 at Gheens Academy, room 202. Please bring a grant application you are interested in, or download one off the web to have an authentic practice piece.

-Review of Kentucky Master Plan 2004: You can find it through a google search by typing in 'Land, Legacy, and Learning'. This master plan could be helpful in providing focus for future programming. Collaborating with other groups in Kentucky could increase our chances for funding.

-The Kentucky University Partnership for Environmental Education is working on several funding initiatives that may provide funding for programs here.

ACTION: All EEC members be on the look out for possible opportunities and requests for proposals (rfp's) for the EEC.

2. One Main project: We would like to decide on a project in which the whole committee can be a part of. Also, connecting it to the Kentucky Master Plan and giving it a partnership focus would be excellent. Marcelle suggested that a separate working group could be in charge of choosing the project and getting it in action. David Wicks suggested a project involving collaborating with the "Energizing Kentucky" collaboration and its upcoming focus on education. This symposium will establish a framework for a curriculum to build a knowledge base for sustainability and alternative energy sources. It will focus on the next generation of science, technology, engineering, and math professionals. He would like the committee to consider taking a leadership role in this conference. It would be a great opportunity to be part of a visualization of what's next in environmental education!

ACTION: Members interested in serving on this working group to identify a project should contact Layne Greenwell at cenvired@louisville.edu and plan to participate in organizing it at the next meeting on October 15.

3. Kentucky Conservation Committee: PD credit is being given for attending this Saturday's annual meeting, which has the theme "Conserve Kentucky". It is being held at Blackacre State Nature Preserve from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The annual meeting will provide participants with an update of the Task Force's progress, and involve them in discussions of where to go from here, regarding proposed legislation for the 2009 session. For this Saturday's event, Dan Jones and the CES foundation provided funding so that groups may attend for free. Go to JCPS online (the PD central) to sign up. Joni Jenkins, chair of the Jefferson County delegation, will be there. She pledged that Jefferson County will support land conservation. Our recommendations will be listened to! It is an interesting opportunity to hang out with people who are dedicated to land conservation. Go online to www.kyconservation.org to learn more about the specifics of this Saturdays event!

4. Youth Summit/KGHS/Earth Force Update:

- Three schools have officially registered their students. If you are contemplating having your students involved you are encouraged to register! This years Youth Summit is very action driven. There are five action projects, these include: Energy, Green Spaces, Solid Waste, transportation, and storm water management. Students have an opportunity to take what they are learning into the real world. This year we will be looking at climate change. Keith Mountain will be presenting. The St. Xaviar students who went to Mount Kilamenjara will also be making a presentation.
- The mentor training is this Monday September 22nd. Our focus is to help the mentors keep the students focused on creating a project they can actually do with their campus. Anyone that is interested in being a mentor should contact Cenvired@louisville.edu.
- Supplies have been purchased for the action projects so that schools will be able to borrow them.
- Substitute funding is available on a first come first serve basis.
- Lunch is provided, as well as free gifts, and an opportunity to use the action project kits.
- Earth Force and KGHS teachers receive first priority.
- Oct. 3 there is PD from 9:00-4:00 at Rauch Planetarium for teachers to go through the action projects themselves. They will learn specific strategies to implement environmental service learning programs at their school.

II. Working Groups:

1. We did not have an opportunity to discuss goals and objectives for the year. Keep in mind goals for your working group so that they can be discussed at next months' meeting.

-Just a reminder, there are working groups focused on each of the following: Research, foods, alternative energy, plastics, outdoor classrooms, Youth Summit, and there will soon be an EEC main project group.

III. Announcements:

1. Next semester David Wicks will be teaching an environmental research class focused on sustainability. It will be on Tuesdays from 4:30-7:00. Last year's class did projects on storm water management, asthma, and the food on campus. At the end of the semester students discuss the year's projects in the presence of campus administrators. This allows students to give recommendations for UofL to put to use. Last year, these students recommended putting a green roof on the SAC and it is being seriously considered. If you are interested in doing research at your school or in your community this class is a good option! Contact David Wicks at david.wicks@jefferson.kyschools.us for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. by Teddie Phillipson-Mower. The next meeting is October 15, 2008 from 4:30-5:30 at Gheens Academy in Room 202.