

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

**October 15, 2008
Gheens Room 202
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

Attendance: Betsy Ruhe, Heather Kemp, Katheryn Lynn, Rachel Davis, Emily Goldstein, Debbie Goldstein, Chris Pickering, Darleen Horton, Jeffrey Liddle, Joan Shanahan, Hawk Hart, Shelly Brown, Brent Fryrear, Beth Inman, Bennett Knox, Donna Griffin, Layne Greenwell.

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

I. New Business:

- 1 Brent Fryrear introduced the committee to the Partnership for a Green City energy reduction pledge forms. Listed on the forms are several small steps that schools can take in order to make a big impact on their energy consumption. Pledge forms for JCPS will be online in PDF format. UofL and Metro government pledge forms will be online **and in hard copy form.** For more information on the Energy Reduction pledge visit the following link:
<http://www.jefferson.k12.ky.us/Departments/EnvironmentalEd/GreenCity/>
- 2 The Professional Development for grant writing was reviewed. The PD was lead by Rosalind Scott. For more information on grant writing for Environmental Education contact Rosalind at:
Rosalind.Scott@jefferson.kyschools.us

II. Working Groups:

- 1 Rather than split up into separate working groups, it was decided to work together as a whole group to offer assistance and guidance to each group discussed.
- 2 The Plastics committee has a goal, but is in need of assistance. The committee's **major objective is to get as many schools involved as possible for the Plastics Awareness Day.** Also, they are interested in having an art show of plastic objects; this would include exhibits from green vendors. It was suggested that Brightside should be able to give the guidance needed to put on this event.

ACTION: Plastics working group should devise a list of goals for the event and contact Brightside regarding assistance needed.

- 3 Everyone is encouraged to think over the organization of the committee as it currently functions. The next meeting will focus on a review of our purpose and role as a part of the Partnership for a Green City.

ACTION: Teddie, Donna and Brent will meet to discuss this before the next meeting.

III. Announcements:

1. Emily Goldstein: Emily has started a web page to reduce energy usage. There are several simple steps that anyone can do at home in order to reduce energy usage, these suggestions are listed on her website. She needs help getting word out to schools in Louisville about this website. Several committee members volunteered to assist in informing coworkers and students about the website. Please forward the website and share it with your teachers, friends, and family. Her website is located at: www.louisvillezoo.org/projectpolarbear

2. Next Friday October 24th is the 5th annual Kentucky History day. It is being held at Chenoweth Elementary from 9:15 -3:15. Anyone interesting in coming is welcome. This event connects science across the curriculum and provides a very interesting and interactive experience. If you have any questions email Darleen.Horteen at: Darleen.Horton@jefferson.kyschools.us

3. Please work with your contacts to support CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY DAY on Wednesday Oct 22nd. University of Louisville is hosting an information fair from 10-1(West campus, next to Red Barn) and then a talk 12-1 and the national campus sustainability webcast 2-3:30 (Floyd Theatre). At the information fair you can take the GREEN PLEDGE to reduce energy consumption, win Tom Frieden's book "Hot, Flat and Crowded" in a raffle, and join the movement to make U of L more sustainable (first 500 to join get a free tshirt!). There will also be corn holing for candy, music for green sensibilities, and surprises.

4. On Wednesday, October 22, from 6-8 p.m. Fairdale high school will be having a master plan meeting. Visit memorialforce.com for more information.

5. There is an upcoming PD on how to teach environmental education courses with little or no money. It is open for anyone to come, email Darleen Horton at Darleen.Horton@jefferson.kyschools.us if you are interested.

6. Katheryn Lynn (with Metro Parks): There are several upcoming opportunities for environmental education training. She provided material to anyone interested. If you are interested in receiving this information please contact Katheryn at: Katheryn.Lynn@louisvilleky.gov

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. by Donna Griffin. The next meeting is November 19, 2008 from 4:30-5:30 at Gheens Academy in Room 205-206.