

Partnership for a Green City Environmental Education Committee
Minutes: November 15, 2006 Meeting

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Committee members present:

Julie Fried	Metro / Brightside
Tami Harbolt-Bosco	Metro Gov. / Animal Control
Darleen Horton	JCPS / Chenoweth Elementary
Kaki Robinson	JCPS / Kennedy Montessori Elementary
Tim Baker	JCPS / Meyzeek Middle School
Jerry Duvall	JCPS / Lassiter Middle
Carol Gundersen	Community / Food Literacy
Angelique Perez	UL / Health, EE Research
Corey Shircliff	JCPS / Brown School Student
David Wicks	JCPS / Center for Environmental Education
Johnny Brinkworth	UL / Psychology, EE Research
Teddie Phillipson-Mower	UL
Donna Griffin	JCPS / Center for Environmental Education

The structure and function of working groups was discussed. This meeting and the January and February meetings will be devoted to working groups, for the purpose of developing plans for initiatives that can be realistically implemented this year. (There will be no meeting in December.)

As a new member, Tami Harbolt- Bosco spoke about her work in humane education and its relationship to environmental education. She expressed an interest in forming a working group related to this area.

The committee members present chose to break into 2 working groups: Outdoor Classrooms Group and Food Group. After a time to discuss the direction of these groups, each group reported the outcomes of their discussion.

Outdoor Classrooms:

1. Soil Policy – develop input on soil as related to gardens / outdoor classrooms. The issue is the safety of students and preventing student exposure to soil contaminated by heavy metals, etc.
2. Develop a bid list for outdoor classrooms. Identify materials, supplies, and equipment necessary for setting up an outdoor classroom.
3. Develop a training session for PD presenters on using the *Schoolyard Exploration and Discovery Guide* as a tool for supporting classroom instruction in the outdoors.

Food Group:

This working group developed a list of collaborations that would support the individual efforts of each member through sharing available resources. Issues driving this conversation included:

- Brown School does not have a campus or green space for gardens.
- Lassiter Middle has a green house but does not have the staff resources to use it.

- The Food Literacy Program at Oxmoor Farms has staff and resources and is seeking students to work with.
- Community Farm Alliance has knowledge and resources to help in the development of gardens and food education.
- A greenhouse at Engelhard Elementary that is not being used

Possible collaborations included

- Brown School using the greenhouse at Engelhard Elementary
- Brown School developing a partnership with Lassiter Middle School
- Oxmoor Food Literacy Program and Community Farm Alliance developing a partnership with Brown and Lassiter incorporating field trips.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2007