

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR A GREEN CITY
MINUTES FROM MEETING
November 14, 2007
Gheens Academy, Room 202
4:30-5:30 p.m.**

The meeting was facilitated by Donna Griffin. Teddie Phillipson-Mower and Emily Conn are presenting a session at the North American Association of Environmental Educators Annual Conference.

In attendance:

Emily Goldstein	Atherton student
Debbie Goldstein	Parent
Marcelle Gianelloni	Louisville Zoo
Carol Gunderson	Food Literacy at Oxmoor Farms
Joy Hart	University of Louisville
Kandi Walker	University of Louisville
David Wicks	JCPS Center for EE
Tim Baker	Meyzeek Middle School
Jason Sanchez	Louisville Science Center
Kate Stiebling-Davis	Community
Angela Page	Male High School
Dee Lynch	Kentuckiana Air Education
Julie Fried	Brightside
Angelique Perez	Community Farm Alliance / UL
Donna Griffin	JCPS Center for EE

I. Presentations

1. Youth Summit Report (Julie Fried) – On September 25, 2007 two hundred students from JCPS, private, and parochial schools gathered at the Louisville Science Center for the Youth Environmental Summit. The focus was the Green and Healthy School Initiative. Teachers accompanying students participated in a professional development on the implementation of Green and Healthy Schools and how to start the process at their school. Students participated in sessions discussing the nine inventory topics and how they could use the inventories to recognize areas at their schools that need improvement and possible projects to achieve improvement. David Wicks presented a video clip from the KET weekly program “Our Kids”, a report to the community on work going on in the school system. The clip showed segments of the Youth Summit.

ACTION: The Youth Summit planning committee will be meeting to discuss the organization of the spring summit. A goal is to pick specific inventory topics that can be explored in depth. This year the summit will be scheduled to avoid a

conflict with Earth Day.

2. Manitoba Trip and Recycling (Marcelle Gianelloni and Emily Goldstein) – Atherton student, Emily Goldstein, participated in an opportunity sponsored by the Louisville Zoo to focus attention on the new Glacier Run exhibit and tie the exhibit to conservation efforts. Marcelle described the grant awarded to the Zoo which in part provided funds to send a student to Churchill, Manitoba for one week to work with 15 other students from around the world, observing and doing research on polar bears and the effects of global warming. The student selected was Emily Goldstein, who became an ambassador for Glacier Run. Emily spoke about her experiences in the tundra buggy, coming face to face with polar bears and the impact of that moment on her. Upon returning to Louisville she is following up by speaking to groups about her experience, and raising consciousness about the impact of global warming on the polar bears. Additionally, she is responsible for establishing an action plan in our community. She is interested in improving and expanding recycling efforts in JCPS. Committee members offered suggestions and she will be contacting the Recycling Committee of the Partnership for a Green City to learn more and develop a plan.

No committee action needed at this time.

3. Green and Healthy Schools (David Wicks) – David Wicks, chair of the Green and Healthy Schools Working Group, reported on schools that have signed up to participate. There are six JCPS schools at this time. He will survey schools that attended the Youth Summit, but have not signed up, to determine if they have plans to participate and ways to encourage more to sign up. Twenty four schools have signed up state-wide. The issue has arisen that there are not enough resource people (two per school).

ACTION: If anyone can serve as a resource please call David at (502) 485-3295.

4. Open Air Market Places Curriculum and PD (Donna Griffin) – A professional development was requested by members of the food working group on the Open Air Market Place Curriculum. A session has been set for November 30, 2007, 1:30 at Gheens Academy.

No committee action needed at this time.

II. Business

1. Barbara Burns requested that the committee vote on either Tuesday December 11 or Thursday December 13 as dates for a holiday party. The committee wanted to have a party on both days, but then decided that it should be Barbara's decision. After the date is determined an invitation will go out.
2. Kate Stiebling-Davis requested information about developing an outdoor

classroom at Bloom Elementary. It was recommended that she tour the outdoor classrooms at Kennedy Montessori Elementary and Chenoweth Elementary as a start.

III. Working Groups

1. Reports

- Outdoor Classroom: Copies of the Parent Connection October Newsletter were made available. In this issue was an article about outdoor classrooms in JCPS.
- Food Group: Angelique Perez reported on a press conference that she will attend on behalf of the EE Committee encouraging Louisvillians to support a “Local Food Thanksgiving”. This was brought to the notice of the committee by Lisa Markowitz. The Press conference was November 15, 2007, 4:00 pm at the Bardstown Rd. Farmer’s Market. David Wicks reported that a meeting is being coordinated between JCPS food service, Sierra Club representatives and other interested parties to discuss using locally grown food in the schools. When the meeting is arranged members will be notified
- Energy Group: Jason Sanchez reported that the energy working group is planning an alternative energy day at the Louisville Science Center on April 19, 2008. They are bringing in experts and displays, and would welcome the participation of committee members.
- Middle School EE Pilot: The Lassiter EE Steering Committee requested assistance in developing an EE mission statement for the school. Donna Griffin researched formats and compiled sample mission statements to aid in the process.

IV. Announcements

- 1. There will be no meeting during the month of December; however there will be an EEC Holiday Party in December. Dr. Barbara Burns is in charge of organizing the party and will decide whether to have it on Tuesday December 11th or Thursday December 13th. Once this is determined, an invitation will be sent out to committee members. If you would like to help plan the party, contact Barbara Burns at bburns@louisville.edu**