

WEEB Education Committee Agenda

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 9:00-3:00

WCEE Conference Room, Stevens Point

I. Attendance WEEB Education Committee

Members Present:

Kim Lemberger, Betsy Parker, Melissa Rickert, Carrie Morgan, Tessa Jilot, Jeremy Solin, Darlene Arneson, Cheryl Todea, Kathy, Kruthoff, Janice Zmrazek, Pat Arndt

II. WEEB Meeting report from July (Kim)

Basically, the board prioritized two of the goals from the EE 2010 document for us to pursue:

Goal 111.1 - Create and support professional development programs that lead to consistent career preparation (pre-service) and leadership building efforts (inservice) for PreK-12 educators.

Goal V.4 - Encourage businesses and industries to be directly involved in statewide EE efforts

- Budget – approximately \$2,600.00 to use before December, \$500.00 to use after January.
- Grants need to be written to support action plans

III. Green and Healthy Schools Goal

A. Background/Update changes (Tessa)

Most time has been spent organizing resources. It would be helpful if there was a data base of schools participating to increase communication. The Website needs updates, DPI and DNR are trying to streamline materials and set responsibilities for contacting schools. Lis and Tessa will be going to WEAC convention in October to share info. on recycling and GHS. There is currently a district initiative in Stevens Point School District to become involved in GHS. Building partnerships to support GHS is important.

B. Pilot workshop in spring in the Milwaukee area (Carrie)

Natural Resources Foundation is interested in funding GHS efforts in Milwaukee (4 county area). Lis has written a grant and will find out in a month or so if it will be awarded to them to conduct a one-day workshop that will focus on introducing GHS and resources available to support this effort. Workshop is planned for March. Approximate cost \$7,000.00.

IV. Revise/Improve GHS Program (Everyone)

A. Revisit suggested improvements from Dec. 2007 meeting

Areas in need of Improvement	Suggestions for improvement (Dec. 2007)	Added suggestions September 2008
<p>Assessments:</p> <p>Originally, schools were required to do all 10 surveys. The requirements have been revised, and they are now required to complete 3 surveys and then choose 2 more to complete, for a total of 5</p>	<p>They are not student-friendly, so teacher/administrator will need to oversee gathering the data. We could revise the assessments to make them more student-friendly so students could be more involved.</p>	<p>-some have been re-written for student-friendly language</p> <p>-create a teacher lesson plan utilizing the assessments with students</p> <p>-Suitable for student-friendly assessments = energy, water, transportation, school facilities and grounds, (nutrition/health?)</p>
	<p>Make assessments available to complete on-line</p>	<p>-in process of being done – require a complete assessment (open, save and input) to be mailed in upon completion of phase 2 & 3</p> <p>-still want submitting in mail, rather than submitting on-line so signatures can be obtained and security)</p>
	<p>Combine mercury w/chemical management assessment</p>	<p>Still do this</p>
	<p>Schools facilities and grounds assessment should be required</p>	<p>Still do this</p>
	<p>Perhaps a food/nutrition assessment needs to be added to further assess the “Healthy” part of the program</p>	<p>(DPI – DATCP – need to develop student-friendly assessment)</p> <p>-assessment should include GREEN aspect of food/nutrition (ie. Grown locally, organic, etc.)</p>
	<p>Require 5 of the assessments to be complete and then choice of 2 more.</p>	<p>REQUIRED ASSESSMENT – energy, waste, water, school facilities & grounds, nutrition</p> <p>Select 2 more to complete, so a total of 7 are completed. (Plan for when implementation will be done – going from 5-7 requirements – who decides?)</p>

Area in need of Improvement

Suggested Improvements

Added suggested improvements

December 2007

September 2008

Web Page can be overwhelming to get in to depending on your comfort level with the Internet	Post anecdotal accounts to give school more ideas on what to do.	<p>-testimonials from administrators</p> <p>-add drop menu to support materials showing options for student – friendly assessments, teacher lesson plans, and actual assessment</p> <p>-add mentor district/contact people</p> <p>-link to district’s that have Green and Healthy Web site (possible “going greener”)</p> <p>-samples of increasing student involvement and celebrate achievements.</p> <p>-suggested timeline of implementation</p>
What support is available from outside agencies?	Curriculum support needed from program (i.e. LEAF, KEEP, PLT, WET, etc.)	<p>-Add links to different organizations that will/can provide curriculum support for each assessment</p>

IV. Lunch in COPS Cafeteria 11:30-12:15

V. Develop a plan for promoting GHS (Everyone)

A. Stevens Point School District - the making of a model

Tessa is meeting with principals of the Stevens Point School District for a 10 minute presentation on Green and Healthy Schools. Suggested talking points were:

- awareness of GHS (possibly using PowerPoint)
- share energy savings info. (financial incentive)
- some energy saving initiatives have already been done (it’s not adding more on to workload)
- share teachers who are trained in KEEP within the district
- Potential partners in the local area – KEEP, Focus on Energy, LEAF, Wild Ones, WPS, Kathy Powell (Portage County Waste), Eco-Municipality groups.

B. Budget of \$2,600.00

- money spent to pay for Sept. meeting (mileage, lunch, sub. Teachers) (approximately \$400.00?)
- Promotional document=something simple to hand-deliver to stakeholders raising awareness to GHS. (\$1,200.00)
- higher ed. sub-committee = form committee members and host meeting before end of year. (\$500.00)
- non-formal EE sub-committee = form committee members and host meeting before end of year. (\$500.00)

C. Creation of Education Sub-Committees (as per WEEB suggestion)

1) Green and Healthy Schools – (focus K-12)

Purpose – raise awareness of program to statewide stakeholders and provide schools with local area partners to help them in the process.

Members: Janice Zmrazek, Darlene Arneson, **Kim Lemberger (chair)**, Melissa Rickert, Tessa Jilot, Kathy Kruthoff, Lis Olson or Carrie Morgan?, Gretchen Marshall

2) Higher Education - (focus colleges, technical schools, pre-service teachers)

Purpose – Create and support professional development programs that lead to consistent career preparation (pre-service) and leadership building efforts (inservice) for PreK-12 educators.

Members: Pat Marinac, **Jeremy Solin (chair)**, Pat Arndt, Scott Ashmann, Jennie Lane?

3) Non-Formal EE - (focus nature centers, private organizations)

Purpose: create/assist in creating a network of collaboration between the non-formal EE sector of the state.

Members: **Cheryl Todea (chair)** (or new staff), Scott Johnson, Betsy Parker

D. Contacting WI Stakeholders -

We decided to continue with the idea of generating support for GHS by contacting the major stakeholders in Wisconsin. Rather than inviting them to a one-day meeting, we decided to divide up and find out who the contact person is in the agency. Our goal is to conduct a one-on-one meeting with someone in the agency/organization to raise awareness of GHS by January 2009. This way they could possibly be used as signatures on grant consortium pages.

- DNR – **Tessa and Lis**
- DPI - **Janice**
- Public Health & Family Services (**Darlene**)
- WI Green Building Alliance (**Jeremy**)
- facilitators from PLT, Wild, WET, (**Janet Hutchins**)
- Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education (WCEE) –**Jeremy and Melissa**
- Energy Center of Wisconsin, Focus on Energy, PSC, SERRA (**Melissa**)
- Dept. of Transportation –**safe routes to school (Melissa)**
- UW-Extension & Basin Educators (**Lis**)
- Wisconsin Association of Environmental Educators (WAEE) (**Betsy**)
- Wisconsin Association of Business Officials(WASBO) (**Janice**)
- Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators (WASDA) (**Pat**)
- Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) (**Janice**)
- Association of School Curriculum Development (ASCD) (**Kim**)
- Dept. of Agriculture (**Darlene**)
- representation from Wisconsin Society of Science Teachers (WSST) (**Pat**)
- Environmental Charter Schools (**Tessa**)
- Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) (**Kim**)
- Earth Partnership for Schools (EPS) (**Kathy**)
- Wisconsin Environmental Initiative (**Betsy**)
- Wisconsin Nature Mapping (**Jeremy**)
- Wisconsin Nature Centers (**Betsy – via Nature Net & Scott Johnson**)
- National Wellness Institute (**Kathy**)
- State Physical Education Association (**Kathy**)
- Schools that have already been recognized as GHS (**Tessa**)
- **WEAC (Kim)**
- **Mercury – Guy (DNR) – Carrie M.**

VI. Set Calendar for future meetings

Higher Ed. And Non-formal EE will meet before December 16

Tuesday, December 16 in Stevens Point 9:00-3:00 (Education Committee)

Tentative Agenda Items

VII. New Business to be discussed at next meeting

-Sub-Committee Reports

-determine financial needs for applying for grants

Can submit multiple proposals:

Mini-grants = \$1,000.00

Small grant = \$1,000-\$5,000

Large grant = \$5,001 - \$7,500

Grants will need to be submitted under an agency other than WEEB (school, DNR, WCEE, WEEF, etc.

-(GHS)Put together presentation talking points.

VIII.