

Environmental Education Committee Agenda/Minutes 2022-2023

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023

EE Goal Update- Anyone else done with their goals? Joe is almost done.

MN Phenology Network Update- We are working on getting a naturalist to come out. The one that we had lined up has fallen through.

One book one School- Melanie is working on gathering materials and will pass out to teachers. Teachers can do it at their own pace.

Eagles Nest Update- Still going to make a few adjustments to the bids. Melanie submitted changes to one of the bids. Once completed, we will look for funding. If funding doesn't come through, maybe it will go in the Solarium.

Bird Watching Observation- Melanie is looking at adding some bird feeders outside the solarium so that classes can make observations as they'd like. Look for them to come soon.

Earth Week- Looking to celebrate Earth week May 8th- 12th.- Classes do roadside clean up. Melanie talked with Jerry at the Lions Club who is typically the organizer of the event and he said that he'd get back to me on where we can clean up. He said they typically do clean up the last weekend in April. Raised beds- looking at maybe having the middle scholars making raised beds and then having the elementary students plant veggies in them. Having an all school upcycling project. This will be done with buddies. Make a hummingbird feeder out of a 20 oz bottle, a bird feeder out of a milk jug. Make a coaster out of an old t-shirt. Plant Herbs in an old pop can. Any other ideas? Joe has a simple pallet plan for planters.

Monarch Way Station- Melanie ordered 1,000 native to MN milkweed plants for planting. Maybe K and preK and spread the seeds during Earth Week.

Any other thoughts?