



May 6th EE Committee Minutes

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To: Crosslake School <clschool@crosslakekids.org>, Annette Klang <aklang@crosslakekids.org>

Date: May 6, 2020
Environmental Education Committee
Time: 330-430

Present: J. Sievert (student rep), A. Swenson, M. Donley, L. Swanson, J. Arndt, M. Graceffa, C. Carrey(3:30-4:10)

EE Committee Mission: To support and monitor EE goals and initiatives.

EE Committee Meeting Goals:
-monitor EE goals monthly
-initiatives

EE Committee Norms:
-reach decisions by consensus
-discussion will last no longer than 5 minutes if there is disagreement. The topic will be reevaluated at the next meeting.
-committee members will work on tasks on a volunteer basis or as needed.
Jobs:
-timekeeper-Jill
-notes and facilitator-Miranda

Overall Agenda:

Norms discussion.

Goal discussion:

- EE fund requests this month-none

Solarium:

Long term goals and action plan.

Student representative-.reported on status of Compost Ranger program

Grant being pursued by Cassie to have someone work in the solarium for the summer. The person will work with the EE committee to grow the solarium. More to come later.

EE long term goals/Extra Initiatives:

- Wellness Committee updates (Cassie)grants discussion. \$1000 grant obtained for solarium including aquaponic lighting and cupboards (storage)
- School Forest update:
 - communicate and meet with forester-forester contacted, new forester assigned to us, awaiting reply
 - Signage for school forest-signs orders (free from DNR). Still need to work on a kiosk and interpretive signs.
 - School forest desks delivery in May-change of date
 - A School Forest Journal update: pending Mindy
 - School Forest Grant obtained for trail cameras-all supplies ordered and project enacted. A report will be written by Miranda by the end of June

- Marketing of the school forest-an article will be written about desks and students using the school forest-will be done by
- Building Recycling Initiatives-update: green (compost), black (trash), blue (paper), yellow (bottles and cans). Student rep will work with Doug on the best places to put the bins.
- Composting now started. Soil is hoped to be sold. Compost ranger program being created by 7th grade (student update)
- \$500 EE money donation-ideas for the money-7th grade students voted on hammocks.
- Bird Festival May 14th, schedule went out
- EE pd for teachers on Nature Journaling given on April 23rd (part of Osprey Wilds Grant this year)
- Animal program given to pk-4 on May 5th (part of Osprey Wilds grant this year)
- Middle School Spring Clean up on May 7th, elementary has already done their spring clean up
- Next year's budget for solarium and EE-
 - Wish list brainstormed for solarium and EE initiatives
- White pine project
 - 5th and 6th grade students will be planting seeds with DNR in Breezy Point on May 20th.
 - New seeds have been ordered for primary students to plant by the end of the year
- "One book, One School" EE edition

Children's books will be pursued for families at our school. The books will go along with school EE initiatives and goals. Update: Approval to buy books through Title 1 funds for Title 1 students. This will be presented to teachers as to logistics. Communicated with teachers on May 5th.

Green Step School

<https://sites.google.com/umn.edu/mngreenstepschools/home-tabled>

Next meeting June 3rd

EE committee meeting (seat based)

Thursday, June 3 · 3:30 – 4:30pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/spi-yeke-qyn>

Or dial: (US) +1 240-428-7870 PIN: 900 665 170#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/spi-yeke-qyn?pin=1616390935914>

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