

## **SISD Grants and Federal Programs Board Report**

April 12, 2019

### **Farm to School Grant:**

This \$100,000 grant is spread over two years and we are moving towards accomplishing some of the goals of the project's first year. The grant helped support two AmeriCorps members and Megan Fitzpatrick, the greenhouse manager in attending the Southeast Farmers' Summit in Sitka. They also received travel scholarships, making the cost quite reasonable. They learned a lot about gardening in southeast, and as a result our Coffman Cove mushroom operation has been included in a grant proposal being submitted by another agency, the Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition.

Many of the purchases being made for the greenhouses and gardens are being funded by this grant. The goal is to increase our capacity to produce food for the school lunch program and to reduce food waste. Food waste from the kitchens is going to chickens at some sites and in Thorne Bay to our red worms.

Flower plugs were ordered and delivered in late February giving us a jump-start on planting the hanging baskets that will be sold in May. Every school except, PA and Hyder, had a chance to participate in this project. Plants will be sold in Thorne Bay, Naukati and Whale Pass so far this year.

Lettuce from the Thorne Bay is producing enough for the lunchtime salad bar even during STEAM week. Thorne Bay also has baby fish that are the offspring of the big goldfish. WE hope to send some of the goldfish back to Kasaan for their operation.

### **Cold Water Safety Training:**

We are holding this class on May 3 for our students who qualify for Migrant Education and are in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up. The capacity of the class is 12 and we are about halfway filled right now. The instructor is Earl Jeffrey who has taught the class for us before and is an excellent teacher. This is a great opportunity for our students!

### **Alaska Sea Grant**

This is a proposal written by Cheryl Fecko, a retired teacher from Craig. This month she did an in-service training with teachers from around the district focused on aquatic insects. She brought with her an expert in this field from Juneau, John Hudson, who has written several books. Now teachers know how to take their students into the field to collect and identify insects. Cheryl will also be working with Kasaan School and Naukati (?) in similar explorations of our local ponds and creeks.

We are currently waiting to hear from three recent grant submissions which will hopefully be in the May report.

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