

Minutes

Green Team meeting Thursday January 20th, 2011

Attendees: Jerri Baker, Tina Ference , Carol Pelletier, Kim Moraes Walker,
Silvana Zucca

All notes from the meeting are in bold italics

Reusable wraps and snack bags

- Update from prototype making party.
 - *We have all been using them and have ideas on little tweaks to make.*
- Discuss the next step
 - *We will have an “Assemble Snack Wrap Party” on February 18th to make as many as we can to sell either in front of the school, or garage sale, or any event.*
 - *Kim will email the Yahoo group to see if any one has material they can donate.*
 - *Carol will acquire more mylar from coffee shops to use inside the wraps.*
 - *Around February 4th, Kim will put out a message on the Yahoo group to see who can help at the “Assemble” party on February 18th.*

Trash Management on Campus

- Compost
 - Update from Carol on the grant writing for the 4 EnviroCycle Spinning Composters and an MTD gas powered shredder. *Carol will contact Itmar Harari to see if she can help with this task.*
 - Update from Chris on how the composting is doing. *(Issue not covered)*
 - Update from Chris about moving the compost off the wood and onto the ground – maybe behind the new shed? *(Issue not covered)*
 - Update from Kim and Silvana on investigating what Earths does for their trash sorting and lunch time routine. Then Jerri can make the signs.

- ***Jerri will ask Cindy Rogers if she knows anything about the lunch time routine because she had a child at Earths last year.***
- ***Kim will email the Director of Earths to find out who she should talk to.***
- Update from Demitra about her Aunt's lunch time procedures in El Segundo who does trash free Tuesday's at her school. ***.(Issue not covered)***
- Update from Kim and Silvana on search for tiered worm bin so we can run a worm bin and then sell the worms(very profitable) and the compost for a fundraiser? ***They are still trying.***
- Update on lunch time rotation:
 - ***Our school is doing so good on the “no trash” lunches, that we really don't need 2 big trash cans for “Trash” and “Recycling” at the lunch area. In order to save on plastic bags, Carol suggests putting out 2 buckets without liners instead of 2 trash cans near the lunch tables.***
 - ***The Green Team will rinse the buckets, so the custodians don't have to.***
 - ***Carol will clear this with Hilda and hopefully start this on Tuesday(1/25/11)***
 - The 6th and 7th graders will do this task on Monday and Wednesday's. ***Lori has a list of 20 students who will cycle through the lunch time routine.***
 - The 4th and 5th graders will do Tuesday's and Thursday's. Update on their progress. ***The 4th and 5th graders are very excited and want to video tape the really big errors that people make so they can teach others the correct method.***
 - The 3rd graders will do Fridays with Demitra. Is this working out for Demitra? ***Jerri will take over Friday's with the 3rd graders.***
 - Update from Lori on her class watching “Story of Stuff”.
 - ***Lori showed her class “The Story of Stuff“***
 - ***Silvana will make a DVD from the show “EcoCompany” that shows high school students sorting through the whole schools trash. It is only about 5 or 10 minutes and we hope Lori can show it to her class.***

- *Silvana will speak to the rest of the classes.*

Rags and towels

- Two bins in each of the permanent classes. One will hold clean small towels that the children can use once and put into the dirty, second bin.
 - Update from Carol on surging the towels for the Home School room.
 - Do we need bins for the Home School room?
 - *This task has been done for weeks and they have enough towels and don't need a bin.*
 - Rags for wiping tables in classrooms
 - Do any teachers need more towels? *Silvana still has to check with Lori and Liza to see if they need more.*

Cleaning supplies for the classrooms

- Kim found a web site- safeschools.org – that was created by a mom with the help of an MD that helps teach teachers, students and parents about the toxins in the household products we use.
 - Update from Demitra: Are the teachers open to having a lecture by the “safeschools” organization about what is safe to use in the classroom?*(Issue not covered)*
- Update from Kim on making a cleaning product to try out in Demitra and Teresa’s classes.
 - *Kim will price out all items. If the price is reasonable, we will all pitch in to cover the cost.*
 - *Carol will purchase the “Castille” soap.*
 - *Kim is collecting non-see-through spray bottles to use for the cleaning product.*

“I walk”

Carol would like to discuss the possibility of getting families to walk/ride bikes on a specified day.

- *The idea is to make people aware of the possibility of walking, riding a bike, or sharing a ride.*
 - *The goal would be to have as few cars come to school as possible on a given day. We are aiming for just before Spring Break.*
 - *Carol and Kim will create a map that shows where everyone lives.*
 - *If it is approved, they will put the map up in the office so parents can see who lives near them, or maybe even drives by on their way to school.*
 - *We will have to talk to all the classes to get all the kids excited and on board.*

Next Meeting Date

Our next meeting will be held on *Thursday, February 10, 2011.*