

Minutes
Environmental Committee Meeting
June 17 2009

In attendance

Irene Catlin

Bradi Nicoll Ross

Sallie Lorenz

Lesley Atlansky

Cathy Vidito

Megan Baird

Alexandria Burkleaux

Garden Ideas

A \$1000 grant was awarded to Woodstock Elementary from the US Fish and Wildlife for the purpose of beginning a school garden.

Discussion on how to use the money within the parameters of the grant.

Made list of possible 1st phase of garden to be located in the front of the school

- five raised beds
- soil
- compost
- seeds
- hoses
- rain/compost barrels

Broke off into groups based on identified jobs.

- Sallie Lorenz volunteered to work with her husband (an architect) to draw up purposed boxes
- Megan Baird and Cathy Vidito volunteered to identify possible places for donations to defray costs and partnerships to encourage sustainability of garden (including Chinese Garden, Mt. Hood Master Gardener Program, Eco Trust, AmeriCorps, Master Composters, Woodstock Ace Hardware etc.)
- Irene Catlin and Alex Burkleaux volunteered to draw up plans on how to use the garden for science education
- Bradi Nicoll Ross volunteered to email Mary Patterson regarding the questions of Woodstock/Portland Public Schools parameters for the garden and to maintain communication between the committee and the PTA and Mary Patterson. Also to get information from the PTA on which community businesses have donated to Woodstock already.

Non-Garden Ideas

The committee spoke briefly of other ideas for Woodstock.

Jenny Morgan is working with the student council on applying for the next level of green school status. Lesley Atlansky volunteered to help work with this committee and the students to identify projects together. One topic mentioned was making the school less toxic. Help encourage student led projects.

Reusable Trays

Woodstock school has a dishwasher. Many schools are moving to do away with disposable trays.

Questions regarding trays-

- Is running the dishwasher 'greener' than the disposable trays?
- How much do trays cost?
- How much time does tray washing add on to lunch?

Green Field Trips

- In house field trips (i.e. Audubon Society)

Next meeting set for July 19, 2009