NHS Greenhouse Stewards Meeting December 6, 2016 3:00 Office Conference Room

In attendance: Rachel Robie, Bob Hamilton, Margaret Schoenberger, Lisa Cote, Tracy Griffenhagen and Brenda Eaves

Meeting:

- The November minutes were not available for approval.
- Bob Hamilton reported for Joel -

The water and heat will be shut off in the greenhouse as of 12/16.

The 2nd grade green beans were a real success. We've discovered that warm crops are better for spring planting like peppers.

Joel is planning to make sure planting happens so that the vegetables can be harvested in May and June.

Joel is going to develop projects and create a lending library to encourage a greater variety of projects to occur around growing.

Our equipment needs for spring are: seeds

vermiculite compost 10/20 trays to germinate seeds in

- Shelving for the back wall has been approved. Joel and Bob have looked at some available at Home Depot. We need to purchase them.
- Square Foot Garden Project Update We will organize equipment, materials and supplies along with directions and an organized record of what we have and what is done when so the teachers involved with this project feel at ease about starting as soon as we are back from February break.
- We need to explore possibilities for pots for the eighth grade tomato project. Bob is going to call Craig Le Houllier who wrote <u>Epic Tomatoes: How to Select and Grow the Varieties of all Time</u> to see what he recommends to this project.
- We talked about the desire to establish a summer gardening group at the school. Ideas were about connecting art with growing, planting birdhouse gourds, participating in the popcorn project developed by the Cooperative Extension.
- It will be important to prepare and submit the supply and seed order for spring projects for the January meeting.