

NHS GREENHOUSE STEWARDS MEETING-February 10, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Caron, Brenda Eaves, Brad Gregg, Bob Hamilton, Carolyn Kelly, Victoria Kilroy, Rachel Robie, Peter Sweet

- Minutes were reviewed by the committee and amended.
- Mike Caron noted that the 7th grade growing project is a service learning project and will enhance the grade's study of economics for those in participation.
- Minutes were accepted as amended.

NAME CHANGE:

- There was a discussion regarding changing the name of the committee. It was suggested that "trustees" implies financial responsibilities/oversight of the greenhouse and that is not our role as a committee.
- All were in agreement to change the name from NHS greenhouse trustees to **NHS Greenhouse Stewards**.

SQUARE FOOT GARDENING- Brenda Eaves

- All three 3rd grade classes will be participating in square foot gardening.
- Seeds have been planted and each class will be growing a specific vegetable.
- Broccoli, kale and lettuce seedlings are expected to be ready after February break.
- Victoria Kilroy suggested the use of the 6th grade scopes for the observation of germination, roots, etc.

SQUARE FOOT GARDENING- PART 2

- Bob Hamilton would like to see square foot gardening develop into a larger number of beds per student as each child progresses through the grades. It was also suggested that the 6th grade students each start with three beds.
- Brenda offered to speak with Wendy Crowley with regard to this.

SEVENTH GRADE SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT- Mike Caron and Brad Gregg

- Mike Caron and Brad Gregg have met with Ron Christie, Lisa Cote and Griffin (a major plant wholesaler).
- Students will be growing high quality "Proven Winner" plants. Pots and soil will be delivered the week of February 16.
- Small plants will be delivered March 15 and will grow out until **May 9- estimated date for the plant sale**.
- There was a discussion regarding whether or not "Proven Winners" branding should be displayed on the pots of the plants being sold at the plant sale. Several in attendance expressed concern that there might be confusion regarding who is doing the actual growing of the plants.
- It was suggested that the students create a brand and label the pots with their brand so it is clear that the plants are student grown.
- Victoria Kilroy also shared that the school board has a policy regarding advertising so it was suggested for that reason as well that the children create their own brand and label.

GENERAL GREENHOUSE MAINTENANCE INFORMATION

- It is unknown whether the steel frames for the rain barrels will be done by March 2.
- Bob Hamilton will speak with Bob Copp regarding this.
- All tubes and lights are working now according to Wendy Crowley.
- The heating system is working and a new board has been installed.
- Bob Hamilton will share revised edition of "Greenhouse Steward Formalization of Procedures" for everyone's review.

RECAP OF MEETING WITH RON CHRISTIE

- There was a general discussion regarding last month's meeting with Ron Christie.
- It was discussed that the stewards would like to enlist Marilyn Wyzga as a resource for the 6th grade students.
- Mike Caron will pass this information along to Trish Johnston.
- Brad Krugg will also help with estimating operating costs.
- Bob Hamilton suggested using Eastman Farm as a resource as well.

The NHS Greenhouse will open March 2 pending acceptance from the school board.