

NHS GREENHOUSE STEWARDS MEETING

September 6, 2017

3:00pm- Conference room

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Cote, Brenda Eaves, Bob Hamilton, Joel Hurvitz, Carolyn Kelly, Rachel Robie and Margaret Schoenberger.

The stewards are pleased to welcome Joel Hurvitz back to NHS.

Joel expressed his excitement to resume his role as greenhouse manager and looks forward to working with Brenda and Bob to ready the students for fall planting.

Brenda has compiled a synopsis of the square foot gardening project. It is available to teachers to use as a resource to familiarize themselves with what different grades are growing in the greenhouse.

Lisa offered to reach out to Aaron Kline of Kinney botanicals with regards to a date when he can visit NHS to speak with the stewards (and other interested parties) about hydroponics.

5th and 7th grades have already taken the initiative to prepare the beds

The idea of making the two back beds raised (since they are very rocky) was discussed.

1st grade planted beets without success and will plan on choosing a new crop.

There was a discussion about the use of organic fertilizer-there is an ample supply of Neptune's Harvest and another fertilizer.

Lisa offered to research using organic fertilizers with the Dosatron machine.

Mark McFarlin expressed an interest in planting a vegetable/ herb mixture this year replacing petunias.

Margaret inquired if there was still interest in planting the Canna lilies- everyone was in agreement that they were a success and should be planted again this year.

Brenda and Rachel have expressed interest in starting a greenhouse club.

Joel has offered to help and suggested contacting Jim O'Hara to inquire whether the club could be run through the recreation department.

Rachel suggested creating a flyer to announce the formation of the club and sending it through blackboard connect.

Brenda has offered to draft a flyer with a description of the club.

It was agreed that the club should be limited to 12 students -however all grades are welcome.

The stewards are in agreement that a greenhouse club is a great idea with many possibilities.

Brenda would like to thank John Gamache for removing the garbage from the greenhouse.

The stewards would like to acknowledge and appreciate that John has been very supportive of the greenhouse throughout the years.

The NHS GREENHOUSE STEWARDS will reconvene on November 7th, 2017