

NHS Greenhouse Stewards Meeting
September 8, 2015
3:00 – Main Office Conference Room

In attendance: Rich Boardman, Tracy Griffenhagen, Lauren deConstant, Brenda Eaves, Bob Hamilton, Rachel Robie, Carolyn Kelly

Meeting:

- August minutes were read, amended, and approved.
- Discussion on meeting “note taker”. Group agreed to rotate the responsibility.
- Garden Fence – fence and gate were installed. Cost totaling \$2700. There was general discussion that the garden received positive feedback from those in attendance at the Back to School Picnic.
- Update on Greenhouse Manager – Rich shared that financial support will be available to pay someone to fill this role through a donation to the school. Information regarding the position will be provided to NHS staff at the next staff meeting.
- Web-site - Rachel has made contact with Meghan Wyman and the Greenhouse tab on the NHS web-site has been updated. Rachel shared how the current information is layered – with alternatives if and when we have more information to post. There was a brief discussion on how it is currently laid out and what information is currently posted.
- Update on Zach Parrott’s Eagle Scout Project – Lauren shared that Zach’s service learning project has been completed (planting table) and is installed in the Greenhouse. Those who have seen the finished product discussed how positive of an addition the planting table is to the Greenhouse. There was also discussion on how to publicize the planting table.
- Update on the square foot garden – Bob and Brenda gave an update on the square foot garden project. This fall 7th grade and 5th grade students will plant in the outside garden, while 2nd grade and Kindergarten will plant inside the Greenhouse. To date: 7th grade and 2nd grade have started their crops. 5th and Kindergarten will start soon. For more specific info refer to the meeting minutes of the Square Foot Garden group.
- Update on purchases – Start up items have been purchased, but there are still materials that need to be ordered. Rich will speak to Maribeth and get the Farmtech items ordered ASAP.
- Back to School Picnic – There was a brief discussion about the Back to School Picnic. Lauren shared that there was one sign up for more information and one sign up who was looking for more information. Lauren did not have the names with her.
- There was discussion related to having Grade Level Teams share their planned involvement in the Greenhouse at the various Curriculum Nights.

- Lauren shared that we now have both the sundial and the post needed to install. There was general discussion on where and how to go about installing.
- Bob shared a resource – Belfast ME. The information that is shared on their web-site could be a great resource to start with. The folks in Belfast may also be great resources to connect with.
- There was a question about wifi in the Greenhouse. At this time, there is not.