

NHS Greenhouse Stewards Meeting

3/08/2016

3:00pm Office Conference Room

In attendance: Rachel Robie, Victoria Kilroy, Brenda Eaves, Tracy Griffenhagen, Alison Boudreau, Mark McFarlin, Lauren deConstant (3:05pm), Carolyn Kelly and Margaret Schoenburger (3:10pm), Bob Hamilton (3:20pm)

February meeting minutes read and approved

Greenhouse maintenance and supplies

- Rachel communicated w J. Gamache- discussed water being ready for use but heat not turned on until needed so not wasted without projects in place.
- Investigating grant for 3 more lights and 2 other watering systems for automatic watering as we have just one system in place now.
- Carolyn in communication w Ron Christy in reference to grant opportunities.
- Discussion about Portsmouth Garden Club opportunities.
- All consumable supplies in inventory or on order.

Square Foot Garden

- Progressing a little later than planned with 1st and 3rd by end of week, 4th on schedule, 6th prepping.
- Planting includes- pre-school: flowers for perimeter, 1st: greens, 3rd: kale, endive, broccoli, 4th: onions, peppers and beets, 6th: Brussel sprouts cabbage and kale.

Little Boar's Head Garden Club Anniversary

- Mark in contact w Patty F.- planning meeting with members to coordinate planting, types of plants, scheduling with students and determination of celebration will entail.

8th grade tomato planting- Alison B

- All buckets have been acquired through donation with Wicked Awesome Paint donating the remainder needed and then some.
- Tomatoes are planted with a lot learned about best variety to plant in pots. 2-3 varieties were planted and students will experiment with grafting of plants.

- Cups initially used were too small to maintain appropriate levels of moisture for the plants over the weekend therefore problem solving at this time to determine better approach.
- Each student has a tomato book/journal and are designing cover with Marsha Zavez.
- Investigating possible source of tomato cage donation.
- Victoria to request small stone gravel donation from Fat Cod after AB has students determine total amount needed for approx. 1" bottom layer in buckets.

Potential artist in residence- Mark and Tracy

-4th grade team involved with hopes to expand to other grades

- Project to incorporate art as well as ensuring inclusion of other aspects of STEM/STEAM.
- 2 artists- sculptor and landscape architect with focus on a project that will, rather than be a separate piece, connect GH-> school -> garden representing continuity of education. Will create visual impact for students and community that is permanent and natural. Culmination of this project planned to be a community-wide celebration.
- Plan for 3 phase process- fall, winter, spring. Students' vision will lead the way. Students will need to draw on multitude of skills/learning including measuring, architectural design, engineering and artistic expression.
- Mark and Tracy have initiated the grant process for application for financial assistance from NH Council for the Arts.

Star Island

- Mark reached out to Kristen Simard to discuss opportunity for students to take part in community service as well as bringing community in by using greenhouse to start seedlings for planting out on Star Island. Idea is for guests to come and discuss Star Island then have students go out and do some of the planting.