

NHS Greenhouse Stewards Meeting

09/13/16

3:00pm Office Conference Room

In attendance: Rachel Robie, Victoria Kilroy, Tracy Griffenhagen, Bob Hamilton, Anna Spaulding, Joel Hurvitz, Carolyn Kelly

August and July meeting minutes read and approved with no changes.

Proposed change to meeting time-

- Rachel presented proposed meeting change to 1st Tuesday of each month as Rich would not be able to attend meetings on 2nd Tuesdays due to scheduling conflict. All agreed with change.

Maintenance and Supplies-

- Discussion/questions about timeline of ordering of seeds by Mark and Brenda. Seeds and popsicle sticks ordered.

-Weeds on backside of GH have grown into panel openings with expressed concerns of damage to panels when/if they are closed. Request made for weeds to be trimmed with resultant question as to who is responsible for this task. Rachel to discuss w John G.

-Request made for list of what is available for supply inventory in GH and what space available to support teachers wishing to initiate project in GH.

-Discussion of budgets: where money comes from and where it is line-itemed. General science line item for all general GH supplies at this time.

-Discussion of potential grant application with potential for greater involvement outside of the school. 4th grade successful w artist in residence grant.

Greenhouse manager position- revisit expectations-

-At this time Joel will be unable to assume position of GH manager due to concerns of time required to do job thoroughly vs what he has available.

-Bob suggested consideration of job responsibilities being split amongst 2-3 ppl to decrease work load.

-Discussion about position being considered with greater compensation when considering next year's budget.

-Discussion pertaining to amount of present stipend and potential for increase.

-With present stipend, discussion of need to revisit expectations of manager- what is critical vs wish list items.

-Discussion of what is teacher responsibility vs GH manager responsibility as manager to be facilitator/curriculum coordinator.

-Discussion of service learning groups helping with GH needs.

-Anna and Joel to consider what role they feel they can take on. Anna expressed desire to be in a support role for teachers.

Communication- best way to share information-

-Extensive discussion of perceived deficits at this time and how to improve prior to manager position being filled.

-Rachel requested entire staff meeting dedicated to GH to maximize consistency of information provided as it has come to her attention that the level of all teachers' GH knowledge not as extensive as thought. Tracey to discuss w Rich.

-Consensus in recognizing challenges of consistent line of communication without manager.

-Victoria agreed to initiate "user's guide" for staff with expressed desire for all to contribute once basic outline created.

Greenhouse needs-

-Lights have been purchased by Brad G.

-Discussion of garden cart- Bob feels present one adequate for this year but with desire to see more substantial model purchased for future use.

-Discussion of purchase of mower vs cost of current lawn maintenance individual doing.

Other

-Grade 5 has initiated project in and out of the GH with multiple learning opportunities including formulating hypothesis pertaining to growth rates, etc.

Next Meeting: October 4, 2016 at 3:00pm