

District Green Committee

October 23, 2017 (3:30 PLMS)

Members Present: Deirdre Abrams, Melissa Coriell, Judy Anderson, Matt Hellhake, David Pickard, Sara Anderegg, Emily Beaver

Objectives:

- Preview TTD outline with David Pickard
- If time, discuss Farm to School debut meal and thinking forward. I'd like to have another meeting focusing on this with the Wellness Committee.

1. Preview TTD outline with David Pickard

- Discuss possibility of working Ecoliteracy Framework into the schedule.** There was discussion about whether to include a session dedicated to the Eco-literacy framework so that teachers might have an opportunity to digest it. Melissa and Matt presented eco-literacy document at a high school staff meeting. Matt suggested that the high school portion of the framework should be categorized as high school, instead of being broken down by grade level, in order to give teachers more flexibility. Last spring the document was looked at by departments and teachers gave some feedback. Judy suggested that a separate day be spent on the framework; it might be too much to include in the David Sobel presentation. Sobel does have a copy of the document.
- Stephanie Day (Roots Forest School) has proposed another session at end of day for her to meet with Kindergarten staff for transition of place based learning for those kids going into K from her program.** Everyone agreed this is a good idea. Stephanie will hold a break-out session at the last hour of the day.
- Have Kelly O'Connell showcase how her PE program has many place based attributes--connecting relevant physical activities with place, such as her mtn. biking program, skiing, golfing, kayaking, snowshoeing, etc. ? i.e. even PE can do place based learning. (She's game...haha no pun intended):** Kelly and Deirdre will hold a break-out session together, showcasing different place-based projects in order to show teachers what PBL looks like when integrated into the curriculum.
- Discuss how Deirdre will embed a presentation into the morning session:** At around 9, Deirdre will present one of her 5th grade class's place based project for 10 minutes, embedding it into David Sobel's first talk: (8:15-9:30-"Place Based Educ. & Ecolit Talk)
- Credit offered for the PD day? Text: *Place Based Education: Connecting Classrooms and Communities*, by David Sobel? (David & Melissa):** David suggested that the TTD might be more powerful if continuing education is offered. Melissa offered to facilitate a class/book study on place-based education if enough teachers express interest. David suggested she create a syllabus for the class. He will run it by admin. The class will offer 1 credit for teachers.

2. Brief discussion of Farm to School debut meal.

- a. A lot of preparation is needed to prepare burger patties and fresh cut potatoes. Kitchen staff worked overtime to get it ready. More help is needed in the kitchen when preparing fresh foods. Overall, kids and teachers enjoyed the meal. Ran out of time to discuss further.