

Green Committee Minutes:

November 5, 2018

Members Present: Deirdre Abrams, Melissa Coriell, Sara Wolf, Kim Thompson, Matt Hellhake, Judy Anderson and Jim Foudy

Minutes: Deirdre

1. Green School Initiative Policy:
 - Have representatives update building committee member list. Building reps, please e-mail Deidre by the end of the week any changes to their building green team memberships.
 - Reviewed Green School Initiative Policy for new members (Sara Wolf and Kim Thompson).
 - Requested clarification from the Superintendent on the role of building-level Green Team meetings. Superintendent Foudy reviewed MDSO Policy 9115 and offered an interpretation. The intent of Policy 9115 was to establish site-based teams with direct oversight and action. The purpose of the “Annual Green School Assessment” was to have each school report back to the District Green Team progress towards goals.
 - Directed building teams to meet quarterly, per policy. Then, in the spring, the District Committee will hold the “Annual Green School Assessment Meeting” to assess and discuss annual progress toward policy goals.
2. Mrs. Wolf and Mrs. Coriell presented “Field School” proposal for building a semi-permanent structure on the Morgan Elementary campus due to increased enrollment. They shared that the idea can accommodate more students at the school, while at the same time providing an outdoor learning component. Mrs. Abrams proposed they cite policy from Green Policy to support their proposal. Superintendent Foudy shared that the Board has concerns regarding expanding Morgan Elementary’s enrollment. Additionally, district enrollment appears to be reducing at this time and any direction the district takes with facilities falls under the Facilities Team and Strategic Plan, which is in progress.
3. Reviewed last year’s work. What is unfinished / priority to continue discussing in building teams?
 - Policy Goal: “Reduce Resource & Energy Consumption” Recycling is an ongoing issue.
 - Lakeshore Disposal is providing recycling at McCall-Donnelly High School.
 - How is each school responding to recycling?
 - i. MDHS: Mrs. Coriell will ask the Council School District about their milk program.
 - ii. Ms. Anderson will research Boise Compost for additional information.
 - iii. MDHS offered to receive recyclable materials from other schools, if delivery can be arranged. MDHS currently recycles paper, plastic, and tin / aluminum.
 - iv. PLMS: Recycles paper.
 - v. BMES: Recycles paper.
 - vi. DES: Recycles paper and food waste.
 - What can we do to help schools with a recycling program that works?

4. Policy Goal: Healthy School Grounds, Healthy Foods: Farm to School Follow-Up
 - The Green Team and Wellness Team aligned their practices consistent with MDSB Policy 9115 “Green Policy” and MDSB Policy 8231 “School Wellness.”
 - The Green Team has an interest in continuing to improve the quality of nutrition and will communicate with the Wellness Team.
5. Policy Goal: Teach, Learn, Engage: Ecoliteracy Curriculum
 - Provide superintendent copy of Ecoliteracy Framework developed during the 2017-2018 school year, for policy team review.
 - Representatives will address, at their building-level meetings, how best to further professional development for staff regarding the district’s Ecoliteracy Framework.