

**Madison Elementary School -
Green & Healthy Schools Committee
Wednesday, December 5, 2018 / 4:00pm-5:00pm / School Library**

Introductions: Sam Deroche, Susan Schuller, Jamie Mollica, Karl Bancker

Agenda Items:

- Updates and happenings at Madison from the group -- **Jamie updated box for Crayola Crayons Box. We are not getting the collection we used to. We need 20 shoeboxes. Everyone on the GHS list, ask them to collect 2 boxes a family.**

Let's create a newsletter segment that is consistent each month. Every meeting discuss content and have someone sign up to send that to Nicole by the 20th of that month to be included in the next newsletter.

-- Fruit Trees

-- Prairie - Monarch Waystation

-- Outdoor classroom - SnapShot

-- Recycling Initiatives

Susan send Jamie the login for Snapshot.

Recycling in class was talked about in 3rd grade.

Sam is working with National Geographic on a global curriculum project.

- **Lunchroom update - silverware? Straws? Do you want to compost?
No progress yet. Some other issues in food service take priority right now.**
- **Update on school garden -- Now is a great time to do some grant writing for gardens. Sam did an analysis of the comments on the surveys we sent to staff. She shared her observations and analysis. She made recommendations to the group on how to move forward.**
 1. **Will they be willing to participate in a subgroup?**
 2. **Would they want to create a vision/mission for the subgroup?**
 3. **What type of PD are they interested in receiving?**

Maybe give the 6 interested classes a ½ bed to grow starting this spring. We could help create a themed garden. (Pizza garden, salad garden, 3 sister gardens, digging garden, etc.) If we do this, we will need to fence the garden.
- **Trail extension. Did we decide on a time for this? A date has not yet been determined. During the November meeting some members stated it was important to revisit this late Winter to create a timeline for this project. These members were not in attendance at the December meeting.**

- Update from PTO -- Family events have cut back this year because of volunteers. Student Fair is also cutting back. Thoughts from this sub-group of PTO? Discussion moved to next meeting.
- Boston School Forest Fundraiser The total funds desired are less than hoped for and funds will be taken right up to the date. Plunging will be happening no matter the total amount donated.
- Microscopes for 4th grade. Is there some way we can help? Those in attendance were not familiar with this project. Susan will move to next meeting.

Next meeting: February 6, 2019