

Environmental Sustainability Council Education Task Group Meeting
Mary Riley Styles Library, Lower Level Conference Room
Monday, February 13, 2023, 6:30PM – 7:30PM

Attendance:

- Tina Ho, Operation EarthWatch (OpEW) Program Coordinator
- Paula Conrad, OpEW Saint James School Coordinator
- Connie Rydberg, OpEW Oak Street School Coordinator/Program Support
- Sarah Beaman-Bayldon, OpEW Oak Street School Coordinator/Program Support
- Susan Rotherham, Meridian High School SCA Environmental Committee
- Ariana Lehrer, Meridian High School SCA Environmental Committee

Business:

- Participant list
 - Working to compile full participation list (MD, OS, SJ, Homeschool) from electronic and hard-copy submittals
 - Plan to reach out to parents/students who have not completed all months to encourage participation
- Activity sheets
 - November through February activity sheets released; promoted via Morning Announcements and MRS Library 4th Wednesdays; plan to also email copies to established participants since not printing and distributing at schools for remainder of year
- Events and collaboration opportunities
 - 4th Wednesdays @ 4:00PM – MRS Library
 - Opportunity to complete current and previous activity sheets
 - Student Government Environmental Committee
 - Sarah Rotherham and Ariana Lehrer represented the Meridian High School SCA Environmental Committee to offer support and collaboration with OpEW
 - Willing to assist with program and administrative tasks, 30th anniversary celebration, development of workshops, etc.
 - Sarah and Ariana to develop a gardening workshop for the March activity sheet
 - Populate Excel activity tracking sheet
 - Memorial Day Parade
 - Submit parade entry form by March 17, 2023
 - Request OpEW be placed towards beginning of parade and ahead of motorized vehicles
 - Bike Falls Church
 - Opportunity to collaborate BTWD (<https://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org/>) on May 19, 2023, which will occur outside of our normal program schedule

- Community Project Service Panel
 - Opportunity to speak on panel at MEH Middle School to share mission of OpEW and how 8th graders can get involved
- 30th Anniversary
 - To be held in May at same time as end of year recognition and celebration event, and t-shirt distribution/announcement of design winners
- Sponsorships
 - Funds from three sponsors received to date
 - Need to identify additional sponsors in order to financially maintain program (Harvey's? Browns Hardware?)
 - Pursue opportunity to partner with a restaurant to receive percentage of proceeds
 - Sarah to follow-up with sponsors who have not responded
- T-shirt design contest
 - T-shirt designs judged and team selected several to combine into one design (pending review of one missing design submittal)
 - Connie to manage t-shirt design and printing process; order t-shirts
- Recognition ceremonies
 - Need to coordinate with each school to recognize 2022-23 participants and 'lifers'

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

Minutes submitted by Tina Ho

Minutes approved by