**Place-Based Education Committee Meeting 3/19/2018**

**Notes-**

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**3:45 PM - 4:45 PM**

**Keene Middle School Library**

**Next Meeting, Wednesday May 30th! 3:45 PM KMS**

**Present- Miranda Nelken, Betsy Stacey, Liza Lowe, Jessica Arrow, Jennie Friedman, Paul Bocko, Seth Andrews, Caylin Gans, Kira Heissan, Walter Huston, Antje Hornbeck, Anita Carroll-Welden, Amy-Louise Pfeffer,**

**As people were arriving- Showed nature backpacks and binoculars that can be checked out from the KMS library-**

There are three outdoor activity backpacks that are available to be checked out from the KMS library. They were originally designed to be used on the KMS boardwalk trail with the public and with classrooms but they could be used other outdoor places as well. They have activities related to the following themes; *Swamp Ecology, Trees (and Nature Writing), and Using your Senses*. The Senses backpack would probably be best for youngers (preK and early elementary) The others could probably be used up through 7th grade.

The KMS library also has 25 sets of binoculars that can be checked out.

**Introductions/Share**- Attendees introduced themselves and updated everyone on new happenings-

*Jessica Arrow*- Symonds K-

* 6 K teachers in the district are part of a Nature Based PLC through Antioch-
* Nancy Striniste will be working with Symonds and teaching - Landscape Design and Nature Based Learning with Antioch in October- school ground design- there will be a written plan to move forward with for the outdoor space which will integrate more natural elements.

*Caylin Gans* - Antioch Student- Westmoreland School - afterschool club - 1 or 2 days a week

*Paul Pocko*- Announced Place based Education concentration at Antioch

*Liza Lowe*- highlighted Laura White’s work in Chesterfield, they bought land recently and Laura’s 6th grade class just presented using GPS data tracker etc, looking for sites for an outdoor classroom space, Liza leads an Afterschool Program at Robinhood Park -

*Whole group* discussed Quest Fest- May 5th- Can contact Horatio Colony House museum- or look at events calendar <http://horatiocolonymuseum.org/index.php/event-page/>

*Miranda Nelken*- Harris Center Family outing for tracks in February, working on signage for KMS boardwalk- more in late summer- plans for more signage throughout time

*Kira Heissan***-** currently interning withAntioch Center for Climate Preparedness-

*Walter Huston*- CEI - (Care Engage Interact) Day at Marlow Academy- outdoor activities- time for social emotional skills- every other week for the past 3 months (therapy dog alternates with going outside- 90 minutes) Guidance Counselor and PE teacher run the outdoor part while the Classroom teachers are writing project-based curriculum units during this time.

*Amy-Louise Pfeffer* - Ecovation Hub Knowledge Center- Connecting people in southern NH and VT and Western MA, it is an initiative to create a network of varying organizations- tri-state- Ecovation Education and Training Consortium- Antioch, Greenfield Community College, and Keene State College and World Learning in Brattleboro are involved with many other partners. For more information please check out the website and video at <https://brattleborodevelopment.com/ecovationhub/>

*Lenoir MacDougal*- works for the Sustainability Project and Gilsum after school-

Monadnock Earth Festival - <http://monadnockfood.coop/earthfestival/> Saturday- 21st of April- Co-op- for everybody (rain date Sunday) Local organizations, music, co-op cookout, activities, vendors,

*Anita Carroll Weldon*- Director of Horatio Colony House Museum and Preserve- Lots of programing - all related to Place-based Learning- go to the website for more info. <http://horatiocolonymuseum.org/index.php/event-page/>

Brett Amy Thelan- Harris Center- Vernal Pool- April 24th , Spring bird, Wildflowers- opening of a trail system that connects CT River, Piscah State Park and Mt Monadnock- Spring summer and Fall -

History programs- balance of native and non-native perspectives on local history - Dr. Goodby - Lisa Brooks- “Our Beloved Kin” - Abenaki- Indian Wars of New England, Goodby- Native American Object identification, Sept-October Exhibit- Wearing Our Heritage- clothing and accessories Abenaki-

Special Guest- couldn’t come last minute but *Emily Shipman,* Coordinator, *Wellborn Place-Based Ecology Education Hub*, is interested in the group and hopes to come to the next meeting, <https://www.nhcf.org/what-were-up-to/focus-on/wellborn-ecology-fund/> More info about the Hub here <https://www.uvm.edu/envprog/jobs/wellborn-place-based-ecology-education-hub-coordinator>

**Outreach update** - We’ve increased our number of likes on Facebook and the number of people on our contact list. Encourage everyone to invite others to like the page Currently 61 likes-

**Continuing outreach-** Discuss what will happen to continue outreach once Jennie leaves- anyone volunteer to be the Facebook page coordinator? (There were no volunteers at the time, there is hope that a new intern will take over in the fall)

**Books-** Meeting participants can write down informational place-based books they've come across. (or email them to us) for children and adults. Jennie can put the list on the website. Jennie is keeping a list. Book ideas can go to [bstacey@sau29.org](mailto:bstacey@sau29.org)

**Contact List ideas**- Ask for ideas about any other organizations to contact that may want to be included on the contact list, a few new ideas came up, share anything else with [bstacey@sau29.org](mailto:bstacey@sau29.org)

**Letter to Administrators**- Get input and feedback on the letter to administrators including which schools we should reach out to. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Qwb4l18HjxmwaZnmLygtYC-hRSEQZakiLSbDR5edrGI/edit>

Walter H- would be willing to email it out to principals after we make a few changes. He suggested we get onto the agenda in the next meeting- (ask Dotty)- send out in email and then come to Monday meeting- the group also discussed adding some descriptions of projects and how they could correlate with standards.

**Information about Ecovation Hub Knowledge Center -** [**https://www.antioch.edu/new-england/2017/07/21/ecovation-hub-consortium-formed/**](https://www.antioch.edu/new-england/2017/07/21/ecovation-hub-consortium-formed/)

**Grant Update**s-

* McCarthy Dressman Foundation Grant- Will hear in July
* Dorr grant- through SAU for Harris Center to use the Boardwalk for school programs, will hear in May.

In Bloom Conferences- Brattleboro, May 19. [Link to Brattleboro Conference Brochure](https://doc-0k-bk-apps-viewer.googleusercontent.com/viewer/secure/pdf/74gqqfium5nah3n38qu93d89s37npgll/6cj93mviu1us97c0o3nmotjl4o664uvc/1521131850000/gmail/12200668175230796577/ACFrOgDRGoDRclL_nzezbWXulytBAhNvqq8iwJMp1Brm91pN0_aKTBqUFaPCdj-ly6fQQRcu4Qk-iw7IO6vHoU4CaqunDjina8PCvPCyANjIft2THqlz1VDwNv6bqU4=?print=true&nonce=lh5asf51l6shk&user=12200668175230796577&hash=louqd8r9v2qjmadu35b5dj93d727on0r)

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM