

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group AGENDA
Wednesday, May 12, 2010
The Commons, Lower School
The Willow School
Gladstone, New Jersey
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

9:00 a.m. Coffee/tea and continental breakfast

9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks

- Welcome and introductions
- **MOTION** to accept March meeting notes (draft)
- Review agenda/new business items, if any

*Dale Rosselet,
Chair*

9:40 Call to Action and NJCEE/IWG Status

- Status of appointments
- Status of *Call to Action* finalization
- Discussion regarding cover design (draft designs)
- Discussion regarding promotions and distribution (draft plan)

Dale Rosselet

Tanya Oznowich

10:00 NJ EE Week/Earth Day Summary

- Status of *NJ Environmental Primer*
- NJ EE Week/Earth Day Web site activities/postings
- NJ EE Week and ED proclamations
- Facebook for EE Week promotions
- Sampling of activities that happened statewide
- Sampling of DEP activities
- Round-robin: EE Week/ED activities participated in

*Tanya Oznowich
Marc Rogoff
Tanya Oznowich
Mike Chodroff
Marc Rogoff
Tanya Oznowich
Group members*

10:15 National and State EE/Education Updates

- Federal EE related legislation update
- *NJ Environmental Literacy Plan* Update (Dodge Application)
- Distribution of new EE articles and documents

*Pat Skelly
Tanya Oznowich*

10:35 BREAK

10:45 NJ EE Leadership Forum

- Purpose, functions and design of forum (draft plan)
- Details, location, audience and logistics (draft logistics)
- Committee members and next steps for committee

*Dale and Tanya
Group Members*

11:10 Updates and Announcements

- Summary: EE workshop at NJHEPS Conf. (4/9)
- Summary: NJ Clean Air Week
- Update: AQI Flags For Schools Program
- Update: NJAS's Honeywell Institute
- Update: DEP's EETAP grant
- Round robin – group discussion

*Elizabeth Faircloth
Laura Scatena
Laura/Derek Shendell
Dale Rosselet
Tanya/Elizabeth
Group Members*

11:55 a.m. Meeting Wrap Up

- Logistics for June meeting
- Meeting highlights and closing remarks

Dale Rosselet

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Attendance:

NJCEE: Tanya Oznowich, John Shafransky, Rich Belcher, Dale Rosselet, Jim Shissias, Bruce Barbour, John Cussack, Anne Galli, Mike Chadroff, Derek Shendell

IWG: Marc Rogoff, Ray Nichols

Public/guests/Nominees: Mike Skelly, Pat Skelly, Kate Burke Walsh (Head of School), Kim Yousey

Opening Remarks

- Welcome and introductions – Welcome to Willow School by Kate Burke Walsh (www.willowschool.org)
- **MOTION** to accept March meeting notes (draft) (No quorum)
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Call to Action and NJCEE/IWG Status

- Status of appointments – NJAS employee has inquired about appointments with staff in the Governor’s Office. Question from Mike C. - “will the appointments be retroactive to Sept 09?” Pat Skelly – appts would be as of June ’10. Reappts are every 2 years and service in a position continues until a new or continued appointment is made.
- Status of *Call to Action* finalization – still waiting on copyediting from NJAS staff – review has been completed
- Discussion regarding cover design (draft designs) – DEP graphic artist staff will work on this. Ideas will be emailed to the group. Will include images of adults and children in indoor and outdoor activities. It will be a modernized version of the older POA. New people are coming in at the DEP who are being made aware of the NJCEE. These new employees may visit the commission meetings in the future.
- Discussion regarding promotions and distribution (draft plan) – Plan completed and distributed. (Copy not available electronically at this time.) A template will be completed for “success stories” that each member of the commission should create. Each member should submit at least one. To be reviewed by next meeting: June 24, 2010. **Send to Marc by Monday, June 21st.** (marc.rogoff@dep.state.nj.us) Mike S. – is time allotted for press and legislative review? (Press room at State House is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays.) Dale – NJAS advocacy person in Trenton will provide guidance and time will be made. John S. – photos need to have permission for posting especially if minors are included. The commission will have a final vote for approval. Send comments about plan to Tanya. (Tanya.oznowich@dep.state.nj.us)

NJ EE Week/Earth Day Summary

- Status of *NJ Environmental Primer* – to be printed with last of moneys from ED fund. (See above draft plan) Graphic staff at DEP is working on format. Copies will be available in late summer in hard copy and online.
- NJ EE Week/Earth Day Web site activities/postings – a significant increase in posting over the last few years, but visitation dropped about 5 percent.
- NJ EE Week and ED proclamations - (posted at the site: www.earthdaynj.org)
- Facebook for EE Week promotions – (Mike Chadroff to provide links and other data)

National and State EE/Education Updates

- Federal EE related legislation update – House and senate are working on rewrite of ESEA and it will include NCLI content and methodology. 103 cosponsors in house. 19 of 50 senators. Both groups are bipartisan. Committee announced that this is one of the 4 top pieces of legislation. NCLI organization has recently announced its need to raise \$100,000. (Don Baugh – exec director) Chesapeake Bay Foundation announced it would match up to \$25,000. ANJEE committed \$300 and a donor matched that so \$600 was sent. More cosponsors are signing on. See the link on the ANJEE site. (<http://www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/njcee/press.htm#600>) This link should be made on the ANJEE facebook site and any other social media we use. Commission

members can link to the ANJEE site from their organizations to help raise the funds. (Mention NAAEE and they will match funds as well.)

- ***NJ Environmental Literacy Plan*** Update (Dodge Application) – We submitted a request – they are meeting in June. We met with her earlier this week (Dale, Tanya, Pat Skelly, Marc, Jerry Shierloh, Liz Johnson, Mike Heinz met with Michelle Knappick from Dodge.) If we are given funds, it may happen by this summer or after Chris Daggett is appointed as the new President of Dodge. (June 14, 2010) If the federal law is passed, it will behoove the state to have the plan asap. Ms. Knappick seemed to respond very positively to the meeting. An education consultant will be hired. The proposal can be sent to any commission member who may be interested in seeing it.

NJ EE Leadership Forum (Deferred till June meeting – take handouts today – will reference at June meeting:

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- NJSACC: hand-out for their national week event distributed. NJDEP, ANJEE and NJAS are mentioned.
- Envirothon – Held last weekend at Camp Sacajawea in Newfield, NJ. 47 teams with 5 kids each. MATES came in first and second place, MAST came in 3rd place. Typically NJ teams rank in the top ten nationally. NJN Classroom CloseUp followed one of the teams this year – it will be aired in December. (<http://njenvirothon.org/>)

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Submitted by Marc Rogoff on 5/24/2010