

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group AGENDA
Tuesday, February 14, 2012
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
6th Floor LARGE Conference Room
DEP Headquarters, Trenton, New Jersey**

9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks

- Welcome and introductions
- Review agenda/new business items, if any
- Discuss/approve December meeting notes
- Update on NJCEE/IWG website activity

Dale Rosselet, Chair

Marc Rogoff

9:50 Status of NJCEE/IWG Activity

- Appointments process of citizens & IWG designations
- *A Call to Action* finalization
- Group discussion and next steps
- Formation of 2012 work plan for events and work group activities

Dale and Tanya

10:10 NJELP Work Group – Update (Action #1)

- Update on national and state NJELP activity
- NJELP grant overview and 2012 activities
- Next steps/additions to 2012 work plan

*Dale, Pat, Elizabeth,
Roberta and Tanya*

10:40 NJEED Work Group – Update (Action #5)

- Summary of NJEED purpose and grant
- Brief review of ANJEE/NJEED website components
- Group review of NJEED data collection tool
- Next steps/additions to 2012 work plan

*Marc, Tanya,
Dale and Mike*

11:00 BREAK

11:10 National and State EE Updates

- NCLI update and any other federal EE activity
- NJ Green Ribbon Schools Program
- NJ Sustainable Schools Conference
- NJ green and sustainable schools roundtable
- NJ Envirothon 2012
- ANJEE PALS Grants Program – Summary and Round II
- ANJEE conference summary and 2013 plans
- ANJEE EE Leadership Retreat for March

*Pat Skelly
Dale, Tanya and Elizabeth
Dale, Tanya
Tanya Oznowich
Rich Belcher
Roberta Hunter
Roberta, Mike and Dale
Dale*

11:40 NJ Earth Day/EE Week 2012 (NJ EE Act)

- NJ Earth Day/EE Week website contents & updates
- Group discussion about any EE Week plans
- Next steps/additions to 2012 work plan

Tanya and Marc

11:55 a.m. Meeting Wrap Up

- Meeting highlights, 2012 meeting list, March meeting details

Dale Rosselet

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DRAFT NOTES
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Attendance:

NJCEE: Iris Duffield, Tanya Oznowich, Dale Rosselet, Barbara Rich, Jim Shissias, Marie Downes, Roberta Hunter, Derek Shendell

IWG: Marc Rogoff, Ray Nichols

Public/Guests/Nominees: Pat Skelly,

Opening Remarks

- Welcome and introductions – no quorum
- Review agenda/new business items, if any
- Discuss/approve December meeting notes
- Update on NJCEE/IWG website activity: Site has been updated with new meeting dates and notes are up to date.
- Meeting at Salem Nuclear Power Plant – checking on dates for June.

Status of NJCEE/IWG Activity

- Appointments process of citizens & IWG designations – DEP is reviewing the nominations package and Call to Action. 1 candidate is still outstanding. (Staff changes in DEP is currently happening.)
- *A Call to Action* finalization – being reviewed. Document will be posted on the website in the near future. A section on the website will include the progress on the seven steps to show it is moving. Links to groups like ANJEE, EIRC, etc. will be included to show this progress.
- Formation of 2012 work plan for events and work group activities – ELP, NJEED, EE Forum, communications (EEEdNews) and promoting CTA. For the next meeting: prep ideas for this as a handout.

NJELP Work Group – Update (Action #1)

- Update on national and state NJELP activity – Tied to ESEA, funding to be available. ANJEE received a 10 K grant from the Klipstein Foundation. An education consultant will be working to coordinate state and national standards with EL. The Commission will have input into the NJELP.
- NJELP grant overview and 2012 activities – The job description is being completed and will be posted on the ANJEE.org site. (.net will be redirected) Hiring to be done in March. Work Group will meet in March. DOE support is needed – Mike Heinz is working with his new Director to ensure DOE buy-in.
- Next steps/additions to 2012 work plan – Public meetings, draft, meetings, publish. (All within 2012) Contact Roberta at anjeeadvancement@gmail.com if you have any ideas or recommendations for the hiree.

NJEED Work Group – Update (Action #5)

- Summary of NJEED purpose and grant - Grant is near completion. Database will provide “one-stop-shopping” for EE. Go to www.anjee.org for full details.
- Brief review of ANJEE/NJEED website components – People, Places, Things.
- Group review of NJEED data collection tool – Being reviewed and finalized by March.
- Next steps/additions to 2012 work plan – “We have a bucket and our job is to fill it.”

National and State EE Updates

- NCLI update and any other federal EE activity – Senate has embedded EL into 21st Century components. House has not chosen to advance ESEA in its entirety. NCLI lobbyists intend to approach President Obama to have him create an exec order to have many agencies inventory and prioritize EE. (NSF, NASA, EPA, etc.) Over 40 states are working on their ELP's. NAAEE is working to assist and update their website. Also: Funding for Safe Routes to Schools and Rails to Trails may be cut. On the state level, 7th district assemblymen are supportive of NCLI. Pat – ANJEE and NJCEE should be actively supportive of these initiatives.
- NJ Green Ribbon Schools Program - Rubric went out for review yesterday. EIRC is working with DEP. 28 letters of intent (27 still interested.) The workgroup is working on compliance issues and disclaimers. If a school is not in compliance, the Department overwhelmingly wants to help, but must follow up on these issues. 4 nominees from NJ will go to Washington. Site visits to the 4 winners will be needed to ensure they are in compliance. See EIRC website for full details.
- NJ Sustainable Schools Conference - Upcoming
- NJ green and sustainable schools roundtable – many overlapping participants
- NJ Envirothon 2012 – Being held at Camp Sacajawea in Farmingdale on May 5th, 2012. High Schools need to apply by March 1st. This years topic: Non-point pollution and land use. Classroom Close-Up has recorded several events and has posted them online.
- ANJEE PALS Grants Program – Summary and Round II – See anjee.org for details by next week. Year 2 funding and RFP proposals are due March 15th to be announced May 4th. (See site) 3rd year possible!
- ANJEE conference summary and 2013 plans – Most attended conference yet! See anjee.org/conference for memories. Theme for next year is “Wildlife of NJ”. More info will be coming in the near future.
- ANJEE EE Leadership Retreat for March – For existing and new members. Making the Strategic Plan a Living Document. March 9-11, Murrey Grove Conf & Retreat Center in Lacey Twp.
- Focus groups on EE certification public meetings – see *EEEdNews* for details.

NJ Earth Day/EE Week 2012 (NJ EE Act)

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Meeting Wrap Up

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Submitted February 14, 2012 by Marc Rogoff