

Hanover-Caroline Education Committee Quarterly Meeting (Virtual, no recording)

February 7, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4932364251>

Agenda/Minutes

Attendees: Don, Meredith, Tim E., Karen, Sharon

Discussion Items

1. Education Intern for Spring 2023

NOAA grant funded: \$20/hr for up to 20 hrs/week.

Opportunity shared with RCC in January, Karen to follow up this week. If not, we will have to pursue the route using a regular hiring process.

We may have to open it up and post publicly.

2. MWEE

Caroline Co. PS

Caroline Ag Days March 23-24 about 9-2pm (~ 325 4th grade students) -adding edible soils - Meredith maybe for March 23

CMS STEM Fair – March 9

Classroom support grades 3-5, county-wide with kits, teacher PD (Feb. 17)

Learning garden pilot at BES (potentially work with HS and MS for a small business & adding mesocosm framework), Plan to apply for CB Trust grant for MES and L&CES gardens in June

5th grade MWEE support W/ Camp Hanover – April 11

6th grade – field day on Caroline MS campus, Apr. 14 - rotating stations between 3 macros and 3 water quality testing - need volunteers for this date. Suggest to Mike Broaddus. Is there a chapter of Master Naturalists more north? FOR staff? HCSWD staff Kathy, Kelsey, and possibly new hire.

ACTION: Share the macro and chemical testing or training to HCSWD staff since they are new

3. Hanover CPS

E.Lit Forum a success. Both Wayne Gilcrest (Hanover Science Specialist), Nat Draper (JRA) and Karen attended. Our approach is confirmed. Karen spoke with both Greg and Anne at VA Dept of Ed.

Waiting for follow up invitation to meet with administration re green light for BWET Capacity Building Grant application next year. Wayne wants our help doing in Hanover what we are doing in Middle Peninsula. JRA will partner, will ask for ACB partnership if HCPS commits.

Still hoping for MWEE opportunities in schools or at Training Center, but HCPS is not focused on science this year, still trying to catch up on Reading and Math from COVID.

Transportation and staffing continue to be a problem as well as the time teachers can devote to watershed objectives

4. Envirothon

Homeschool Resources Group in Atlee forming a new team - middle and high school age students. No Area training events. They need to be training with our own resources locally.

Future idea: Now that VASWD has an education coordinator, they should be the one offering to every area.

Karen will offer a training day focused on oral presentation to the new team.

Meeting Wednesday, Feb. 8

5. BWET Grant

Survey going live Wednesday, 2/8- it will go out with a letter or we will have it at our in person tabling events

Goal of 20 community presentations/tabled events by end of April

Will purchase supplies for three "road kits."

6. Community Programming

Rockville Athletics Opening Day booth - April 22

7. Runoff – Feb. 17

There being no further discussion, the committee meetings adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Fetty

Meredeth Dash, Committee Chairman