

California Environmental Education Interagency Network Meeting



Date: Thursday, September 19, 2013 9:30-11:30 AM
Location: California Environmental Protection Agency Building
1001 I Street, Room 230, Sacramento, CA 95814

Meeting Leader: Anne Stephens
Note Taker: Donna Pozzi

Call-in Participants:
Brook Gamble, California Master Naturalists
Adina Merenlender, California Master Naturalists

Present:
Annie Kohut Frankel, California Coastal Commission
Ed Wong, CARB
Susan Knadle, OEHHA, retired, UC Davis
Lesa Johnston, California DFW
Anne Stephens, CDE
Christy Porter Humpert, Cal Recycle
Brian Brown, Water Education Foundation, Project WET
Judy Nottoli, CARB
Carolyn Schimandle, State Parks
Donna Pozzi, State Parks
Shaney Emerson, CA Ag in the Classroom

Guest Speaker:
Johannes Troost, CDE, After School Division

1. Check – in and Catch –up

Welcome and Introductions

Review Agenda

Approve Minutes – July

Annie moved, Brian seconded.

Action Items:

- Annie did an email introduction for Ed and the Exploratorium contact.
- Lesa has sent out new scientific aid contact information.
- Lesa helping Anne with Admin and Organization subcommittee.
- Lesa has asked Bobbie about availability of Flying WILD facilitator training.
- Ed started planning the vanpool for the November meeting at the USFWS office in Auburn. He's been in contact with Carolyn Kolstad (program coordinator for the Schoolyard Habitat Program in our region) and she already has a guest speaker lined-up. The vanpool will depart from the Cal/EPA Loading Dock driveway that morning.
- Annie sent around the 2014 meeting assignment chart.

2. Guest Speaker

Johannes Troost, CDE, After School Division

California's expanded learning, not "extended" learning, programs are an integral part of young people's education: engaging them in year-round learning opportunities that prepare them for college, career and life.

High quality after school programs:

- Active – kids learn by doing
- Collaborative – social and emotional learning
- Meaningful – relates to them, showing how things relate to real life problems
- Supports mastery – sequenced information, move forward with information learned
- Expands horizons – help them see opportunities, look toward the global world

21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) has programs for elementary and middle school students.

After School Safety & Enrichment for Teens (ASSETs) is geared toward high school students.

These programs are funded by state and federal funds. At this time 7% of eligible kids are being served. About half the schools are being reached, about 60% of the Title I schools. All students in eligible schools can attend but not all get the opportunity. This can be due to a variety of factors including principals, teachers, conflicts with other activities, etc. If the principal embraces the program then there is better participation and better results from the program.

Funding is based somewhat on population of the Title I area, this makes it more challenging in rural areas.

For the middle school program there are specific requirements that need to be met by the program, such as it needing to commence immediately after the regular school day, operate a minimum of 15 hrs per week.

For the high school program there is more flexibility in the hours of operation (can include before and after school and weekends) but they also need to operate a minimum of 15 hrs/wk. This flexibility helps them work around sports schedules.

The program is developing a integrating with Partnership Academies to improve their cognitive skills training so students can learn more about interviewing and resumes, among other things.

The After School Division is divided into regions throughout the state. Each has a lead who is the "go to" person for resources, training opportunities, technical assistance, etc.

Other resources available are:

- California AfterSchool Network (CAN)
- Power of Discovery STEM²: expands learning apps and deals with the next generation of science standards; provides planning tools for teachers
- California After School Resource Center (CASRC): provides free program materials, others can submit materials to them for use in after school programs

There are continual issues with funding and getting staff trained for the programs. Long term plans need to be looked at. There is a high turnover of line staff in some areas causing issues with having to train replacements, thus losing time and productivity in the programs. Consistency can become an issue in such situations.

Feedback is essential to find out the needs and where things are falling short, what is working and what isn't.

All schools in the state have 14 digit identification codes you can use to find data on the school, what programs they are using.

CDE Regional leads can be great resources. They have lots of ideas and networking connections. We should all pursue and discuss next steps.

3. **Committee Reports and Discussion**

- Administration and Organization
 - Ed: Went over the tentative attendee list for the October meeting at the Exploratorium. The list will be finalized in early October. The vanpool will leave the Cal/EPA Loading Dock driveway at 8:00 AM on Oct. 17. Other attendees will meet at the Exploratorium at 10:30 AM. After the guided tour, attendees can buy lunch at the Seaglass Restaurant and bring it to the meeting room (if you use a tray, please inform the restaurant that you will bring it back after the meeting). The vanpool will leave the Exploratorium at 3:00 PM. Ed has sent out various emails regarding this meeting; please refer to them for more information.
 - Additional invitees discussion: Ed asked that if you have other parties to join this meeting that are not part of CEEIN to let him know and he will check with the Exploratorium.
- Communications and Outreach
 - Anne: Still collecting updates/corrections for the CEEIN brochure and website. If you have any events to add to the website please send them to Annie.
 - Ed discussed possible location options for some meetings next year: Hopland, Yolo Basin Wildlife Area. Adina brought up Pepperwood Preserve (Sonoma/Napa area) if Hopland is too far. Local options were also discussed. Brian may have a room available at 7th & K. Anne suggested the State Library. Ed can reserve a room at Cal/EPA but won't be the Location Contact.
- Legislation and Diversity
 - AB 484 passed and AB 300. This opens up issues with regards to testing in schools.
 - Trailer bill from CalEPA did pass.
- Education and the Environment Initiative
 - EEI isn't really a committee so its input is being moved to "whats new in your

world.”

4. New Business

Ed: The CEEIN Strand workshops finalized for the CSTA Conference in Palm Springs, Oct. 25-27. The NSTA Area Conference in collaboration with CSTA will be in Long Beach on Dec. 4-6, 2014. Ed will contact CSTA after their 2013 conference to determine who will organize the 2014 short courses and workshops and if it will be feasible for CEEIN to participate.

Anne: New revised CREEC website is on-line. You need to register on it from scratch to update contact information. The previous contact database was out of date and inaccurate. Once you've set up a provider account, you can download programs and resource and calendar events, etc. There are some issues with the website that are being addressed. This new website has expanded capabilities for searching with many links and resources.

Big changes in Region 9A (San Diego). Lora is still in the picture. Samantha Murray is working at Mojave.

5. What's New In Your World

Lesia: Project WILD is limping along. Education office will be moving into the Resources Building. Heidi Buell (sp?) is back with Fish and Wildlife. Work is being done to populate a new website.

Shaney: Ag in the Classroom will have an event on Capitol Mall @ 6th Street. 4H will bring animals; there will be opportunities for kids to meet a farmer and a rancher. There will be a career fair on October 17th in which they will be involved.

Annie: Coastal Cleanup Day is September 21st, 2013. Posters are available “Let's make trash extinct.” The three weeks of Coast Weeks run from September 21st through October 13th 2013.

Their resource directory is out; it has some issues that are being worked on. Whale Tail grant applications need to be postmarked by November 1st.

Anne: Now that legislation has passed, frameworks can be worked on, specifically on science, history and social science. Working toward common core standards

Sue: Working on a project on protecting fetuses from environmental contaminants.

Christy: Working on correlating common core standards and how they relate and making them work with materials they have. In some cases it's an easy fit, others not so much.

EEl webinar will be held on October 10th. They hope to reach/teach more teachers so they can qualify for more materials. An email campaign has started to track who has been trained and to build a database about their needs.

The California Green Schools Summit will be held in Pasadena on November 6-7, 2013.

Judy: Got the male teen host for the Eco Company show. Still working on getting story ideas to use. Applications are now being accepted for CoolCalifornia Small Business Awards for businesses that take action to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, promote climate friendly practices and integrate them into their business.

Adina: California Naturalist Conference will be held on Oct. 17-19, 2014. There are currently 400 certified Naturalists in the state, hoping that 200 will be involved in the conference. A new co-director for southern California has been named, Sabrina Drill. There are currently 11 programs on line, hope for up to 16 next spring. Work is ongoing to expand more into the Los Angeles area, such as in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Donna: State Parks distance learning program, PORTS, already has 15,000 students signed up for presentations for this school year. We're expecting to have 30,000 sign-ups by October 1st, hoping to serve 50,000 students again this year.

5. Meeting Wrap-Up

Action Items:

- Send materials to Johannes Troost's site
- Give Ed additional names for Exploratorium trip
- Ed is looking into 1-2 meeting locations outside of Sacramento for 2014.
- Instructions for the CEEIN website

Next meeting is the trip to the Exploratorium on October 17.