

Community Engagement Committee

Skagit Watershed Council March 21st, 2023, 1-3:20 pm

Minutes

Attendance: Marlena White, Holli Watne, Stacy D, Amanda Colbert, Kevin Tate, Melissa Ciesielski,
Gabby Jacunski

1. Approved the Feb 2023 notes
2. Roundtable of updates
 - a. Land trust:
 - i. Focuses on community science. March point heron project 3 wildlife cameras. Started Monday Morning.
 - ii. Wrapped up amphibian egg nest monitoring at several properties. May do another round.
 - iii. SW 2nd graders. 7 schools coming out in the month of May. Coordinating volunteers to help facilitate investigation station.
 - iv. Work party events. Earth day with SFEG at Utopia. ½ day planting ½ education and walking. A few other work parties.
 - v. Had good turn out during planning season. Wrapped up for now. Could still use some volunteers.
 - b. Concrete Youth Coalition. Coordinating CYAD. Lots of service providers. July 28th is tentative. 10-2pm. At Veterans Memorial Park. Theme is Finding your Voice. Interested in events/activities during that month/week/day related to the theme. Writing letters to local leaders could be an example of what could be done.
3. STEAM Train discussion
 - a. Kevin and Holli will work on developing a K-12 conservation resource website for Skagit.
 - b. Holli send a message to the folks at Gen:Thrive <https://genthrive.org/>. No response yet.

- c. Holli is working with science planners in B-E and S-W school districts on creating an updated STEAM Train proposals that matches our programs with their districts core science units.
- d. BESD Science professional development day for grades 6-8: April 20th, 9am-4pm. SWC and The Salish Sea School will be there to tell science teachers about what they have to offer.
- e. School are getting pressure to have Career Connections. I would be nice if we could make a resource to introduce students the types of employment opportunities presented by our collective organizations.

Next meeting: April 25th, 1-2:30, online only

Other upcoming events:

- Children of the Valley “Earth Month” programs, April
- BESD Science professional development day for 6-8th grade, April 20, 9am-4pm
- BESD Technology + Science Fair, April 20, 4:30-6pm
- MVSD Science Fair, April 20, 5-8pm
- Skagit Water Weeks – Month of May?
- [National Marine Educators' Association Conference, July 23-27](#)
- Fidalgo Bay Day, Aug 26th