

Skagit Watershed Council – April, 24, 2018

Meeting of the Community Engagement Committee – Final Notes

(Underline indicates decision point; ***bold indicates action item**)

Present: Richard Brocksmith (SWC), Kristi Carpenter (SCD), Lucy DeGrace (SFEG), Alex duPont, Chair (WSU Ext.), Lisa Miller (SLT), Scottie Schneider (SWC) and Wayne Watne.

Call to Order: 9:35 am

1. Welcome and Introductions – No formal introductions necessary as everyone in the group present knows each other.
2. **Approve January meeting notes.** Review Action Items - The committee approved unanimously the meeting notes from January 30 with a minor correction in the spelling error of the word us instead of use on the first page.

***Wayne asked about additional photos he could send and the group will advise how to load to a shared folder online. SWC will put the Seasons of Skagit photos there as well.**

Lisa had a question re whose logo would go on the business card with #OurSkagit hashtag for EcoNet, but there wasn't a ready answer to the question.

3. **Status of SWC Community Engagement Coordinator Hire** -Richard gave a brief update on the status of the interview process for the Community Engagement Coordinator. The question of which priorities in our Implementation Plan would be the focus of our shared programs and the new hire. If youth education is a major focus, should they get more involved with the school teachers, program managers, or more intensely implementing plans with school districts? What is our most successful strategy? Better advertising and marketing? What are the gaps? All of these answers would even drive whether or not to invest resources in a digital database of programs as a more ad hoc or opportunistic approach may not be the most effective.
4. **Resource Guide and New Opportunities with MCAD and SWSD** - Richard handed out the Sedro-Woolley School District Elementary Curriculum Overview and the discussion that came out of a meeting with Shameem Sherwin on what types of programs would best fit with their curriculum for different grade levels.

There was a discussion in the group about how to deliver those programs. The committee discussed what is being offered by their organizations and where can those programs best fit in SWSC grade-specific curriculum? Can we come back with a list of programs that would fit with their plans? Define who is doing what. There is limitation on capacity for the organizations and should they be limiting what they offer and be specific to certain grade levels only. Being grade level specific and

having other organizations focus on other grade levels would be a good solution. Members present discussed the various grade levels that their programs fit with the curriculum overview presented.

***Richard will write this down, share with program sponsors, and get back to Shameem with our ideas.**

The group briefly touched again on the Resource Directory and whether it should be a living on-line document and it was decided to table that discussion until the next meeting.

5. **Grant Opportunities Coming Up?** - No immediate grants were identified but ***we should all be looking for grant opportunities to continue to ramp up where possible and effective.**

6. **Skagit ECO-Net** – Karen was unable to attend the meeting but she provided an update by email. Those on the CEC Committee who were present at the most recent ECO Net meeting said that the “Diversity in the Workplace” presentation was well delivered, and they benefited from the information presented. Karen is conducting a Doodle Poll to determine when the June meeting will be held, ***so please fill that out.**

7. **Summer Event Coordination :**
 - May 8th and 9th – SFEG - 6th Grade Conservation Tour.
 - May 17 – SFEG Outdoor Classroom Day with Sedro-Woolley School District- SFEG will lead Hooks and Ladders at both May events.
 - May 24 – Skagit Land Trust - field trips with 7 stations
 - July 15 – Skagit Conservation District – Sustainable Samish Garden Tour
 - August 18 – Skagit Conservation District – Kids and Nature in Samish
 - Month of September - SCEA - Skagit Water Weeks
 - September 8 - Skagit River Salmon Festival
 - September 27 – SFEG partners with PSE. Doug Bruland will give a tour of the Baker River facility and talk about sockeye.

8. Meeting wrap-up and Adjourn.

Next CEC meetings are scheduled for May 29th and June 26th.

