

Green Committee Meeting Notes for January 10, 2012

Attendees:

Skip Learned
Becky Ferry
Jill Ingham (new member, Parent SOW)
Heidi Brousseau (new member, Faculty HM and Parent)
Tim Faulkner
Louann Diehl
Jo Rodehorst (new member, Teacher PHS)
Carrie Clegg
Carroll Garland
Cathy Fales
Jennifer Boylan

Discussion:

- Discussion of challenges in keeping schools warm enough while trying to turn down the heat
- Skip showed us real-time temperature readings in the schools on his computer.
- Progress made at Sowams:
 - Will have compostable lunch trays instead of Styrofoam despite the hefty price tag of the trays (about 7 times the cost of Styrofoam); they can do it because its small scale.
 - Only High School and Middle School still use Styrofoam trays with cardboard option
 - Suggestion made to ask the High School Environmental club to develop a presentation for students to help them understand the choice that they make and the consequences of their choice
- Bottle recycling
- Skip to provide Middle School with blue recycle bins for entire school (last year's cardboard boxes were proving to not work well).
- Primrose Hill School also needs some additional bins for bottles; email Skip the exact number requested
- .Hamden Meadows teachers are working on their Cool Earth presentation for January 19th.
- www.cooltheearth.org Cool The Earth is a free, ready-to-run climate change assembly program that educates K-8 students and their families about climate change and inspires them to take simple actions to reduce their carbon emissions.
- Sowams is also interested in doing the same program.
- Meals/Chartwells
 - Discussed finding a local alternative for milk served by Chartwells at school lunch. Currently, we believe they serve Hood. Jill Ingham is looking into Rhody Fresh as an option.
 - Idea of Meatless Mondays came up again; Skip to talk to Chartwells.
- Green Team Website: <http://www.barringtonschools.org/Green%20Committee/default.aspx>
- Becky Ferry asks that one person from each school email her a summary of what their school's Green Team is doing this year

Next meetings: 3:30pm, Middle School: February 7, March 8