

1000 ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

City of Kaukauna
Nature Center Building
1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna



Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 8:30 AM

MINUTES

In-Person

1. Call to Order

Members Present: Breitzman, Jakel, Pautz, White

Also Present: Blood

Chair Pautz called to the meeting to order at 8:31 AM

2. Reading and Approval Minutes

- a. 1000 Islands Education Sub-Committee Minutes of November 29th, 2023.

Jakel made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Breitzman. Motion carried.

3. Teacher evaluations

Blood discussed the aims, methods, and reporting of school evaluations. Recommendations were made to clarify and simplify some questions, as well as to use a paper copy during school programs to increase evaluation completion.

4. Coordination of volunteers for education programs

Blood raised the possibility of using WordPress plugins to manage and coordinate volunteers instead of SignUp Genius. There is interest in moving forward with this, and 1000 Islands staff will explore staffing, training, and logistics of using a new program.

5. Beginning of school year orientation at 1000 Islands

Pautz expressed interest in having KASD schools hold orientation events at 1000 Islands, rather than locations outside the city. Blood will reach out to KASD Human Resources and the superintendent to see what sort of event we could hold near the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.

6. Butterfly/bird egg display

Blood inquired about the design and aims for the bird egg display project currently in progress. The sub-committee explained the history and overview of the project, as well as next steps in choosing appropriate birds and finding the resources to assemble the display.

7. School partnerships

Blood shared his progress in meeting with staff from Park Community Charter School, and an upcoming meeting with staff from River View middle school, with the aim of providing more tailored programming for KASD schools. The sub-committee made additional recommendations to reach out to KHS staff that might be interested in partnerships as well.

8. Other sub-committee items

Jakel will be organizing a back-to-school fundraising event to help with Jabber's medical expenses. The event would likely use the fields and grounds around the nature center. Possible ideas included a fun run or field day.

9. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Jakel made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by White. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

NOTICES

THIS MEETING IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. IF REQUESTED THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING, A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE.

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