

## Education Committee Meeting

April 9th, 2023

Yorkville, IL

3:30 PM

**Members Present: Deanna Bazan, Nicole Schneider, Alyse Olson, Ariel Beauchamp**

**Started meeting at 3:39pm**

1. Review Spring Programs
  - a. Lessons- Kendall AITC reached 1,884 students for the Water lesson in January, February, and March. The heaviest month was in February reaching 1,254 students. For April and May we are presenting on Pollinators with students learning about pollination and pollinator habitat. The Ag in the Classroom activity is students making their own Throw and Grow Seed Ball.
  - b. Feedback from Teachers- Due to Ariel's time needed to prepare and be in classrooms, no surveys were given for the water lesson. Ariel will give a survey for the presentations to schools that request feedback for the pollinator and water lesson.
  - c. Millbrook Jr. High Education Garden Center- Ariel has been asked to help science teacher, Mr. Wilson, with their garden education center. She has helped guide 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in deciding what plants are appropriate in our area, spacing, and care.
  - d. Ag Career Contest- This contest details were sent out later than expected. The intern sent the contest details and helpful worksheets to administrations and teachers. No students participated in this contest for 2024.
  
2. Late Spring/Summer Programs and Activities
  - a. Natural Resource Tour-5/2, 5/8, and 5/9 at Silver Springs- There was a final call for schools to participate in the Natural Resources Tour. We will have 22 classes from 4 schools participating over the 3 days. We need 1 more presenter for May 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup> we are good on presenters, and May 9<sup>th</sup> we need 2 more presenters or ideas for the day. Deanna expressed reaching out to a couple individuals to be presenters. Ariel will follow up with another couple of individuals to be presenters.
  - b. SAI- Summer Ag institute is for the most part planned. The event is on June 17<sup>th</sup>,18<sup>th</sup>,20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. Ariel needs one more presenter for the day out at Silver Springs and will be asking the Friends of the Fox River to do their Aquatics Life presentation
  - c. Farm Safety Camp- will be on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Ariel is currently working on her PAF Training to be the coordinator and get access to resources and presentations for this camp.
  - d. Reevaluation of Coordinator Role, Program and/or Support- Ariel presented options on restructuring the Coordinator Role to have more time in the office coordinating. The group decided moving from 4 presentations to 3 presentations each year, pausing the intern program and hiring a part-time Education Assistant to go into more classrooms.

Future Meeting Date: June 4<sup>th</sup>

Meeting Adjourned at 4:50pm

Minutes written and submitted by Ariel Beauchamp