

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

6 PM, Centre of Elgin, West Conference Room, 100 Symphony Way

A. Call to order (chairperson)

B. Roll Call (staff liaison)

Gary Masterson, Dave Segel, Jim Bell, Laura Knoerr, April Anderson, Trish Molley (Larsen Middle School) and Joann Hartmann (Youth Leadership Academy)

C. Discussion Items

1. Potential partnership opportunities between the sustainability commission, School District U-46 and the Elgin Youth Leadership Academy

Ms. Hartmann described the Youth Leadership Academy's operations and goals. There are approximately 125 students grades 7 - 12. Students that graduate the program (all six years) are afforded a two year scholarship to Elgin Community College. Eligible students are six graders from within District 509, Elgin Community College.

Action Items:

- Provide list of topics (objectives) from the sustainability plan that might be of interest to students
- Determine if a field trip to Freedom Field in Rockford is possible
- Determine if administering volunteer events for the Elgin Public Works Department is of interest to the students
- Ask city staff if they would be willing to mentor students

Trish Molley from Larsen Middle School and teacher in charge of Larsen's "Green Team" spoke as well. Ms. Molley described the program. Approximately 25 students from Larsen are part of this team. The team has a website <http://greenlancers.webs.com/>. The students write newsletters, create videos, interview community members and hold contests within the school to promote sustainability. This year the team's goal is to create an ambassador program. Current team members would meet with other students from feeder schools, other middle school and eventually other high schools.

Action Items:

- Begin to network with Deb Perryman of U-46 to see how the groups can work together
- Provide information from sustainability plan and educational banners to the students, in an effort to have them create short videos which could be shared throughout the community

D. Adjourn

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