

Garden Committee Minutes

4/4/2017

Present: Michelle G., Joseph K., Charles S., Stephanie Hample, Becky Pelton, Nicole Curtin

1. Grant update
Committee submitted grant through Adirondack Farm to Schools in order to obtain gate for new garden fence. Grant results to be released this month. Nicole C. to research numbers on local food from "Hub on the Hill". "Hub on the Hill" is a place to consult in order to obtain local produce for our school cafeteria as part of the Farm to School initiative.
2. Jeans Day money
\$194 collected from faculty for a Jeans Day for the garden. Money to be used to purchase compost, soil and peat moss to supplement the garden beds. Joseph K. and Becky P. to gather and compare costs at local farms. Black plastic (Charles S. to price) and Buckwheat seed (Joseph K. to price) to be purchased with Jeans Day money as well.
3. High school poster/involvement/recruitment
Nicole C. created a poster in order to inspire student interest in joining Garden Committee.
4. Dayhab request
Nicole C. reported dayhab staff and clients in LL interested in helping care take the garden in the summer. Committee agreed community volunteers to water garden would helpful. Also it would help us reach our goal of increasing community involvement in the project. Nicole C. to let dayhab know we would welcome their assistance watering one day per week in the summer.
5. Ground is melting!
Still too early to set a work date. Work date to be decided at next garden committee meeting. Committee to collaborate with after school program to increase elementary student involvement in garden project. Cabbage, tomato and basil seeds to be planted inside after Spring Break. June 9th is the Full Moon and by this date we plan to get seeds and plants in the ground.

Next meeting scheduled for 5/2/17 at 2:45 in FCS Room.