

SMC Members Meeting Wednesday, February 29, 2012

MEETING NOTES

Members attending:

Tracy Dabbs, Burlington-Edison
Susie Gaudette, Mount Vernon
Patrick Lukasik, La Conner
Teresa Haugstad, Stanwood-Camano
Laureen Anderson, Lake Stevens
Peggy Webb, Lakewood
Cathy Howard, Ferndale
Adrienne Somera, NWESD
Kelly Spears, NWESD SMC
Joanne Johnson, NWESD

Kelly shared that she is reviewing critter costs. The costs have gone up, so we will likely see a small increase in critter costs for the 2012/13 school year.

Kelly will be sending lists out this month to track down missing items. Districts who do not return missing items by the end of April, will be charged for replacements.

Mount Vernon shared a change in kits at the 6th grade level. They will no longer be using the Food and Nutrition kit.

Adrienne Somera came to our meeting this month to share:

1. New Kit Drop page in the NWESD website Library.
<https://library.nwesd.org/science/kit-drop-meetings> Adrienne will continue to populate the page with additional resources for teacher leaders who want to deliver just-in-time training for teachers as they get their science kit in their classroom. We will pilot with Ferndale SD.
2. We are thinking about a Kit Management workshop for teachers this summer. Kelly will provide specific information about managing kits through the NWESD SMC. Dale Fournier from the Mount Vernon SD will facilitate some general kit management learning. The course will be offered in August before teachers return to their classrooms. Watch for information when the NWESD Summer Course Catalog comes out.

Kelly needs your 2012/13 Schedules by May 1, 2012. She will prepare her master schedule based on your requests. She will publish the summer schedule by June 1, 2012 and the 2012/13 schedule on August 2, 2012.

Kelly and Joanne are going to the Marysville SD to tour a possible new building to house the SMC. Marysville-Pilchuck HS has space in the North Building. If the SMC adds support for Marysville SD elementary schools, we will need additional space.

Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) are being written. There will be a three week window for public comment. NWESD will host a GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK event on Wednesday, April 25, at the Burlington Library. Please think about bringing science teachers. To begin the day we will unpack the K-12 Science Framework which is the guiding document for the NGSS. The afternoon we will work in groups to understand how the proposed standards line up with the goals for the Framework. We will then access the public website and give our collective feedback. More information to follow.

SMC Cooperative members discussed some changes in their districts with regards to kit usage. A special meeting will be convened of SMC districts who are considering moving their use of specific kits around. These conversations are important in light of the NGSS and publisher responses to these standards.

Next meeting: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Wednesday, May 23** at the SMC.