

Everglades Education Consortium
November 5, 2005
Meeting Notes

A meeting of the EEC was held at 2:00 pm at the Doubletree Hotel in Orlando, FL in conjunction with the 2005 Florida Association of Science Teachers annual conference. Conference attendees were invited to attend this meeting.

In Attendance: Martha Musgrove, Tom Marcinkowski, Scott Lewis, Stan Bronson, Katharine Gurin, Erin Marsh, Deb Nixon, Tim Oldread, Brad Tanner, Geri Riley, Sheri McCrary, Lisa Naujock and Susan Toth

After welcome and introductions, Tom introduced the purpose of EEC and distributed the EEC Guidelines. He also explained the EEC Council whose purpose is to form committees and to get the work of the EEC accomplished.

It was the general consensus of all EEC participants present that both the session and the booth at the FAST Conference were well received. Everyone was very satisfied with the quantity and quality of interest in EEC and in Everglades education. Everyone agreed that the effort was well worth it.

Tom opened the meeting to questions at this point. One teacher asked how their school could address the Everglades when she is from a school district not in South Florida. Martha responded that there are resources out there, but that to date there has been no "central clearinghouse" for those resources. It is the aim of the EEC to build its web site to serve this function. Funding this development is an issue. It was decided that Martha will contact Sandy Dayhoff regarding status of funding sources and that Stan will contact Jessica Miles and Sonshine Corp. about the status of their database.

The next item discussed was that at the EEC Council meeting in May, Scott Lewis (Univ. of Miami), Martha Musgrove (Decision Makers Forum), and Gail Clement (FIU) were identified as interim members of the Council. Due to the relatively small number of EEC participants in attendance at this meeting, those present decided not to vote on their becoming full members of the Council, rather, an email vote will be taken to change their status to permanent members. Similarly, it has been requested that Susan Toth replace Karen Aubry as a Council member and this will go out with the same email vote. Tom will prepare an e-mail for this vote to go to all EEC participants, which he will then forward to Stan Bronson, who will forward this to all participants on the EEC list as of the May 2005 meeting. Tom indicated that he would get to this within the next two weeks.

Stan gave a web site update. He has someone working on a separate page with a changed look. The need for a logo was discussed and a mechanism for receiving input and feedback on a logo. It was determined that a broadcast message would go out to all on EEC list to provide input for a logo. Using this input, several designs would be prepared

by graphic artists affiliated with FEF, and those designs would be presented to the Council for review, selection, and refinement (if needed).

The ability to do an on-line survey was also discussed. It was stated that the construction of the survey and collection of the survey data would cost approximately \$3,000. It was suggested that we try to accomplish this in time for the Everglades Coalition meeting in late January 2006.

On Gail's behalf, Scott gave a report on the digital portal. It was suggested that we send participants an electronic notice to contact Gail to get their material on the portal. We discussed a web site disclaimer that EEC does not endorse any of the posted materials and that Gail be sent the NAAEE Material Guidelines for Excellence to help guide material postings.

Martha reported that the next planned Decision Makers Forum is targeted to take place in 2007 in conjunction with FAU.

Discussion turned to the Everglades Coalition meeting to be held January 26-29, 2006 in Stuart (Hutchinson Island) at the Marriott. Booths are \$250, but maybe we can get a free booth. If not, Stan and Tom will discuss ways to cover this cost.

We also discussed opportunities to present at this meeting either via a presentation being done by others (Cynthia Plockleman and Susan Kennedy?) or by talking with Mark Perry, one of the Coalition chairs.

Martha will contact Mark to see if there is room for a slot on the program for us.

It was also noted that we could offer to slip into the conference program if there is a cancellation.

We also discussed the need to look at the data from the preliminary needs assessment done at the FAST conference. Scott will get these and look at the data.

We will target the next meeting for mid-February to early March tentatively in Miami-Dade. Scott will contact DEEP about the meeting and Martha will contact Biscayne Bay.

Meeting adjourned.

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