

**Muskegon River Watershed Assembly**  
**Education Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**January 11, 2010**  
**FSU – Big Rapids**

Education Committee Chair Cris DeWolf convened the meeting at 4:33 p.m. Those present were:

Cris DeWolf, Ed. Committee Chair  
Bill Burmeister  
Nancy Burmeister  
Karen Bailey, St. Peter's School  
Cindy Fitzwilliams-Heck, FSU

Denise Mitten, FSU  
Nicole Glenn, Camp Newaygo  
Gary Noble, Executive Director  
Terry Stilson, Program Coordinator

**Agenda**

No changes given.

**Approval of Minutes – N. Burmeister motioned to accept the November 18 minutes with Noble supporting the motion. Motion passed.**

**Old Business**

• **“Get Wet & Wild” workshop 2010**

- Brochures were distributed and edits provided.
- Draft budget was distributed with edits provided.
- Promotion:
  - Burmeisters will promote the workshop by visiting schools. They will try to meet with the schools' science coordinators along with the principals.
  - Former workshop participants will be sent the 2010 brochure via email.
  - If not a large registration at the beginning of April, a mailing with the brochures will be mailed to all the schools (as done last year).
  - Articles in the MEA Voice and GVSU listserv will be written again this year.
  - Burmeisters will contact FSU for a list of their charter schools to promote the workshop.
  - Burmeisters will contact FSU's College of Education for promotion to future teachers.
- Resource Booklet:
  - Bailey will draft a form to use for the resource booklet with categories of speakers, field trips, resources, etc. She will send the form to Stilson who will distribute to the rest of the Committee for more ideas and organizations to be added.
  - B. Burmeister stated that it would be good to have brochures from these organizations that could be available to the teachers at the workshop.
- Displays:
  - Consensus to keep the displays in the lodge and teachers can review them during lunch time. Organizations can be informed that, if desired, they could be manned during the lunch time.
  - A question will be added to the evaluation about the effectiveness of the displays.
- Map:
  - Burmeisters will be in charge of having a map of the watershed where teachers can stick dots on their home locations (visual of watershed participants).

- Timeline:
  - Stilson will complete the brochures and send them to the Committee before the February meeting for edits. The brochures will need to be finalized by that meeting.
  - Brochures will be printed and given to DeWolf and Burmeisters by the first of March for distribution.
  - Burmeisters will begin to visit schools in March.
  - Glenn will announce the workshop in a camp publication.
  - A brochure will be sent electronically to MSUE and other educators.
  - Home school list? Committee members will try to locate one.
  - Promotion in newspapers and maybe a PSA on TV or radio.
  - Brochure will be distributed via an environmental listserve.
  - Local TV station could be asked to publicize the event by attending and interviewing participants.
  - Glenn will check with communications department at NCCS to write an article about the workshop for the Fremont area.

**Next Meeting – FSU professor, Scott Herron, will take 15 minutes to discuss his Camp Newaygo project and how the Education Committee may want to be involved.**

**The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 8 at 4:30 pm at FSU.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Stilson  
Program Coordinator