

OEFA Steering Committee Meeting

Date: January 27, 2016

Time: 3:30 – 5:00

Location: Mary Anne's classroom, Chico Junior High Room 304

Welcomes, additions

Steering Committee Members Present: Tony Catalano, Robin Patterson, Jeff Mott, Debbie Chakarun, Brad Cooke, MaryAnne Pella-Donnelly, Gretchen Beuler, Nate Millard, Lucas RossMerz

Meeting start time: 3:30pm

1. Tony/Brad - spring field trips update

Brad Cooke:

Great programs. Hard to find the right people for the right grade levels and skill set combos to cover all of the needs. Water Vs. Terrain. Recycling Vs. Animals. Kindergarten and seventh grade.

Tony:

Asked to limit the grade levels that need to be covered at the forbear aquatic center. Transition time. Spring is the GO TIME. Project WILD and Project Learning Tree training happened last October. ***Growing up WILD, April 2, Early childhood training.** What Brad and I are working on is getting the folks that have done this training, or will do the new training and create a boilerplate program.

Kaitlin and MaryAnne are doing ***Project WET in May.**

BRAD:

Other Challenges:

We are asking people to be sporadically employed. (CALENDAR?)

Planning is the hard part.

6 qualified people are needed to handle all of the grade levels and programs.

AIM FOR TURNKEY!

GRANT!!! Rose Foundation

OEFA Training/ WORK DAYS

DOJ/Drug TEST are not needed if teacher is with kids.

Tony:

MONEY\$\$\$: Providers may pay.

How much do we need?

Common fee schedule?

They paid the folks to go to the training...

AFTER: the training, OEFA could host the CREATE YOUR PROGRAM DAY.

We need an inventory of Providers and abilities. BRAD has this.

Tony: Providers need to be more attractive to the schools. Common Core and NGSS imbedded in every program.

Brad: Some schools have really paid some \$\$, but teachers asked for more for their \$.

MaryAnne asked how the South County districts are dealing with programs that are inadequate while Common Core is developed.

MAYBE THE COMMON CORE ISN'T THE BEST.

Work Days could be very valuable. HAVE TEACHERS AND PROVIDERS IN THE SAME ROOM!

Create curriculum and provider pieces side by side.

Front loading students is CRUCIAL (MaryAnne)

Teachers need this, but have to pay. (PROVIDERS PAY FOR THE TEACHER and THEIR REPRESENTATIVE)

APRIL 2 & MAY 7, PROJECT WET TRAININGS NEED MORE PROVIDERS!

Gretchen Volunteer: Spreadsheet to track and document providers and services. Starting with Brad's list of individuals and providers. She will use a google form, or excel sheet.

She will start with fields and move forward. She needs all stuff we already have already done (**TONY WILL DO THIS**). Role, Contact, Training Received: WET, WILD, Etc., Cost for services (or FREE), Grades served, Program Names, # of instructors, area served, etc.

People change often and we need QUALITY (Nate) of presenters of the programs guaranteed also.

Robin: We need to pay for teachers, and they need credits (21).

Lucas: This could lead to more paid interns for providers or list of actual.

In the perfect world it would be like Kids & Creeks. We have 10-kits with Project WET and WILD. Maggie is a great example of someone we can give the kit to and have them run it.

Debbie: Maybe the teachers that don't get this stuff are the ones that need it most...?

MaryAnne: Sounds like OEFA is becoming a MASTER PROVIDER, when before it was to coordinate the Providers to Match with the teachers.

Tony: Change V. Evolution

Nate: In the process of becoming a Project WET and WILD instructor. One of the problems with the curriculum is that they have to "create" a curriculum but they DON'T have to actually present one. A LESSON STUDY should be required. OEFA Can tell them where they can do that! Tony= YEAH!

Debbie: Tehama County check in. It has been years since she took the training. She is doing **pilot programs practice for the real deal. The high school kids get the background and are learning how to present this to younger kids.** Class model at the continuation school. The school wants to be able to help the community. Jeff and Tony will meet with Debbie after the meeting.

***Lucas and Tony will meet at Midtown to create a plan for the provider & teacher trainings.**

a. Letter to South County Schools, calendar

2. Jeff/Tony - NCRLT Partnership

Jeff Mott:

Tony and Jeff have talked to the Northern California Regional Land Trust. This is the best option. Paul sent the proposal to the NCRLT Board today with everything they discussed. The NCRLT Board will approve it and then OEFA will be under the umbrella of NCRLT.
OEFA gets space, computer, internet, printer, phones, partnership with the NCRLT to work toward grants and expertise. FINANCIAL payroll and accounting- BIG DEAL.
NCRLT gets educational boost and hopefully work together to provide programs.

Paul:

This is the start of the relationship.

A shared grant will have different stipulations.

"Severability Clause"

NOAA Grant is a big deal... Different terms.

3. Jeff/Tony/Anne/Gretchen - NOAA Grant

NOAA Grant

\$250,000 - \$500,000 over 3 years

We need certification numbers DUNS(Tony got this), now we need a SAM number. The EIN is required, so we can use this with the Land Trust.

NCRLT was not comfortable with 10%

BCOE said YES. EIN was provider. Principle investigator (PI) needs to be an employee of the EIN to get the grant. No one at BCOE is free to commit the time to be the PI (Also a qualification requirements).

Federal grants are quantitative and qualitative: Who is the PI? Are they capable of handling the project and the funds?

ISD at Chico State? Overhead at the Research Foundation is hard because of the administrative cost. (Nate and Jeff)

Gretchen: If BCOE could and would, what is the next step? Fiscal agent and PI is at BCOE. OEFA needs to be an ORGANIZATION before we can go after these things. OEFA wants to become a 501(c)(3).

This is why NCRLT and OEFA partnership is key. NCRLT & OEFA fundraising events!

Still become a 501(c)(3)... (Gretchen)

Brad: We have a ball that is rolling right now that is pretty big. This a great Cart-before-the-horse thing. Can BRAD have the office and the email. Ned better financial management.

This has been put on Brad because he is a GREAT GUY that loves to help kids learn outdoors.

Heart is in a great place. Brad needs to be hired.

We are going to pursue a 501(c)(3)

LEGAL ZOOM is a way to get this done quickly.

We need \$100 or more for the process.

*Gretchen will start process and work with Jeff and Tony to complete the process and let us know what we know. FAST TRACK... but we will vote on it at next Steering Committee meeting.

Not sure if we need to be an organization first... I believe we need to have.

All steering committee members will be included in the board.

By Laws?

NOAA Connections:

*** **Robb Wade**, Works for Plumas County office of Education and Feather River Land Trust.

Wants to bring intercity kids up to the camps they have used historically.

"**Plumas to the Pacific**" Program for sixth graders.

Anne Stephens was a connection on this.

Feather River Watershed Grant / Programs

DWR Possible funding sources

Robb has \$ to brings kids up to camp.

OEFA & BEC Watershed Program & NCRLT

Country Day School (low hanging fruit and pilot study)

MaryAnne, at risk youth program pilot.

They pay for Teacher Subs, Transportation, Providers, Etc.

All 6th grade kids in South County could be our grant base.

Robb is a subcontractor to the Feather River Land Trust.

Brad will be paid through NCRLT, as an OEFA Program Manager with the funds distributed to NCRLT by Robb.

Jeff and Tony will talk to Lindsay.

a. Current drafts

b. Meeting w/DWR and State Parks

c. Letters of Support

d. Pursue 501c3/EIN/SAM?

4. Tony - Gage's Fly Fishing/Eco Tours

a. New Providers

5. Reports from Action Plan Commitments

6. Tony/Timmarie - Stream Team Grant Partnership Proposal

7. Tony - Teacher Training update

a. Partnership w/CCNC

8. Forest Ranch Women's Club

a. February 3, 7 pm: Robin will attend and present.

b. OEFA History, goals

c. Possible donation

9. Next meeting/items?

Next Meeting: This time does not work for Lisa Speegle. Lisa would like to do our meetings a different day of the week.

4th Thursday of the Month is our new date.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:05pm