**Como Woods Outdoor Classroom Advisory committee**

**MINUTES**

**Monday, February 28, 2011**

1. Minutes from 1/24/11 meeting at Park and Rec, any questions?

ACTION-Kelley asked Adam if the spreadsheets can be posted on the website.

1. Communications, we have been getting a lot of publicity lately, WoW!! Any outcomes from that-interested partners or teachers? (Question for Josh-what is the Bridge that your article was written for?-newsletter for St. Paul teachers.)

Other items:

Hamline/Midway Monitor article

St. Paul and Mps. Papers picked up the press release

Scout request for service project-Deb referred them to Park and Rec

IMPORTANT NOTE-Beth, volunteer coordinator, has moved to a new job. For now Megan Manhatton is the volunteer coordinator:

[Megan.manhatton@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Megan.manhatton@ci.stpaul.mn.us)

1. Report out-Joyce Kilmer Memorial Fireplace Restoration and Rededication

Mentors-have 5, need 9. Josh is coordinating.

Booklet-final draft done, SPPR will print.

1. Any progress on School Forest, response from Great River?

Joint powers agreement has been signed by the City! Pursuing Great River Montesorri as our primary School Forest candidate right now as they are using the site on a more consistent basis than Como Sr. What about Como Sr? Since we had an initial meeting with the principal last spring where he expressed interest, the committee thought we should follow up and assess their current level of interest, which seems low. ACTION-Kelley send the Como Sr. high an email asking if he would like to meet with use to discuss the School Forest-DONE, email sent. ACTION-Josh will send an email to Como Sr. science teachers trying to drum up interest/excitement in the School Forest.

Other teacher training: there will be a Project Learning Tree-pre-K workbook teacher training on April 2 at the streetcar station and the participants will go to the woodland as part of the workshop.

There also will be another “Digital Bridge to Nature” workshop hosted by the MN DNR in July.

St. Paul Park and Rec has a relationship with the Jeffers Foundation for environmental education. See the link below to see what Jeffers supports:

<http://www.jeffersfoundation.org/>

1. Discussion items—what are activities needed in the woodland that volunteers can help with? It would be good to provide at list of our ideas for Park and Rec. It could come in handy when they have a group that wants to help but is looking for suggestions as to what is needed. Adam and Beth were working on this. Will discuss further at the next meeting.
2. Any other recent and upcoming events in the woodland or related to the woodland?

April 4 Spring clean up

June 25 Invasives plant removal

September 17 Sedge Planting

September 24 National Public Lands Day

For more information go to the following link:

http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?nid=1043

1. Website additions-The St. Paul Park and Rec website has been updated and there are several links to the CWOC. However the city has expressed concerns about the sustainability of the CWOC website. On the other had the city cannot maintain as extensive of a website as we have. This needs to be an item for future discussion.

Future meetings:

3/28 –  **at 3-4:30 at St .Paul Park and Recreation on Jessamine**

4/25 – **needs to get moved up to week before**

5/23

6/27