

June 20, 2013

Meeting:

Sheena Pate, Mary Jo Gardner (Fair-Mont- Egan), Amy Grout (Lone Pine State Park), Patti Mason (Flathead Conservation District), Steph Paigas (Road Scholar), Laura Law(Glacier NP), Kathy Martin (Hockaday), Erin Koehler (Americorps at Lone Pine), Melissa Sladek (Crown of the Continent Research Learning Center)

1. Mary Jo Gardener is officially retired! Congratulations Mary Jo.
2. The Watershed Sourcebook project to develop middle school curriculum materials to complement the Sourcebook is still on-going. The committee is still working on getting some undergraduates or graduates to work on it.
3. Project Learning Tree –The Foys to Blacktail Project project brought up the point that we don't know if teachers are using outdoor sites with their students. Teresa is still working on doing a follow-up survey for PLT with our workshop teachers to see how they are using materials from the PLT workshops and also if they are using the outdoor sites that are on the lists we gave them.
4. Jane Kapler Smith is conducting a 1-day teacher workshop, Friday, October 18, 2013. We discussed whether we should start advertising now for it since it is early in the fall. It may conflict with other PIR workshops those same days that are related to Common Core and being offered by the NW MT Ed. Cooperative .
5. CORE trunk workshop is scheduled for Thursday, October 17. It is not on PIRnet but again, Ed. Coop. will be putting on the website asap.
6. "Fire Speaks the Land" Dance performance is funded for a date around March 25-26, 2014 at Whitefish Middle School Theater. Whitefish will have their classes attend the dance performances since they are hosting it. Perhaps, Kalispell MS will also be bused over to Whitefish for the performance. They won't know if there will be more space for other schools to see the performance. Eliza and Teresa will work together to fill any remaining slots. It may be worth trying to see if there is funding from other source to have more performances so other schools can participate. Patti will investigate whether the Flathead Conservation District would be willing to help support another day's performance.
7. Eliza Sorte, from the NW MT Educational Cooperative, said she would come to a CORE meeting to talk to us about Common Core standards if we want her to. It needs to be emphasized that it is a state initiative, not a national one. The Coop. has decided to use the reading materials suggested, but other schools/coops can choose to use others.
8. Trunk Workshop – Sheena Pate has been coordinating the workshop for October 17, 2013. It's 6 OPI credits and 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Lone Pine has it set aside and Teresa will check to see if they can host it at Forest Supervisor's Office. There are some new trunks – mosquito, Conrad Mansion, and Flathead Lakers all have new trunks. There's also an aquatic invasive species trunk from the Flathead Basin Commission and the Flathead Audubon is working on an owl trunk. The education trunks would benefit from getting their activities aligned with the new Common Core standards for Reading, Writing, and Math.

9. Flathead CORE website hosting fee will be due in March 2014. It should be about \$72. Is someone else able to help cover it?
10. National "GO" Get Outdoors Day went well, maybe 100 people. It was June 8, 2013 and happens the 2nd Saturday every year. Is it something that CORE participants would want to be involved in on an annual basis? It's a great opportunity for local businesses and community organizations to be involved. This year, Back country Horsemen, Hockaday, MT Wilderness Association, and Flathead NF, plus archery demos, kayak demos, plus others were all there. It would be nice in the future to have more demonstrations to try out equipment or be active in something.
11. Wilderness Investigations Workshop is full for Sept. 14-15, 2013 at Glacier Institute Field Camp in Glacier National Park.
12. Raptor Day is September 7, 2013 at Lone Pine State Park. Flathead Audubon has already line up Kate Davis, from the raptor rehabilitation center to be there.
13. GO (Get Outside) Passport – Sheena has not been able to get a hold of Tim Sievers (BBBS) so not much has moved forward on this. We can see if there is more interest in working on it in the fall. Laurie LaPan said she is willing to work on it. Maybe it could be tied in the with Get Outside event at Lone Pine each year.
14. Round Robin:
 - a. Glacier NP – the Climate Change Teacher Workshop is full for next week at the Glacier Institute Field Camp.
 - b. The Going to the Sun Road Road Corridor planning effort is underway and there are public meetings on-going throughout the summer about it.
 - c. Canyon Headstart is moving their 17 student slots to Kalispell and Columbia Falls Centers and the one in the Canyon will be closed.
 - d. Oral History Teacher Workshop in October, contact Patti Mason for more information.
 - e. Flathead Conservation should be advertising for another position in a week or so.
 - f. River clean-up day in the fall with KMS 8th graders.
 - g. Hungry Horse visitor center is now closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. They are not doing tours but do have interpretive talks hourly outside the visitor center.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013 also at the Flathead Conservation District Office.