

## Flathead CORE, Sept. 19, 2018

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1. Cheyenne moving next month so her last meeting ☹️ Good luck Cheyenne! There is no one slated to fill in behind Cheyenne but Bob is continuing with education and outreach for the hatchery.
2. Trunk Workshop – only 3 people signed up so far on PIRnet. Also FCD has an EventBrite sign-up on the CORE website, FCD website, and flyers have been emailed to folks. Trunk owners have been contacted. There are 5 trunks for in-depth presentations and 5 for display. Can anyone else be a co-host so it shows up on your Facebook page? It's on community calendars. It was sent out to all on the CORE participants list. Flathead Audubon said they will put it in their newsletter. Trunk list needs to be updated for workshop. (Teresa will work on that). The workshop is at Lone Pine State Park so Brian and Derek can work with Hailey on equipment needs – for powerpoints or what not. Hailey will see if FCD will help supply refreshments. Bob said that he could also ask if the hatchery could help with that. Folks who have any items that can be used for prizes/give-aways- posters, stickers, etc. should let Hailey know. Beth Lambert will take care of registrations on PIRnet and Hailey is checking to see if Beth will also do the OPI Renewal Units. (Otherwise Laura can get the renewal unit certificates made.) The agenda will be printed with information on the back about who is the contact for the trunks shown at the workshop. The digital planning files for the trunk workshop need to be archived onto the Flathead CORE Word Press site (or another easily accessible location for future years). Monica has the evaluation from last year and can update it. She can also send report to Hailey from what the evaluations said last year. Monica is willing to do the reporting out on evals this year as well.
  - a. Derek Roth – Lone Pine will present a trunk
  - b. Kathy Martin – First Nations Artwork
  - c. Denny Olson – new trunk, TBA
  - d. Steve Thompson – FireWorks Trunk Presentation
  - e. Teresa Wenum? – if needed, Teresa will work with Hailey to fill in any open spots
  - f. Hailey? – wetlands trunk if needed.
3. Website is working well since GoDaddy did a big update of their server. The website committee did updates last week and Laura sent invites to committee members for scheduling upcoming meetings: Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5. Hailey Graf offered to also be on the website committee to help with updates. Let Laura know if you are interested in being part of the committee. It's a great way to learn more about Word Press 😊
4. National Park Foundation grant to Glacier and MEEA for Public Lands Travel Grants for MT Youth – this year emphasis is 4<sup>th</sup> grade, but it can be other grades. Open period to apply for the forty \$200 grants is Oct. 6 – Oct. 22, 2018. Rubric is being established and it will be an online application. Laura will get info. On CORE website by Oct. 4, 2018. In general, preference will be for underserved classes who do not get trips to public lands and who have not received grants in previous years, also Eastern MT because they have been under-represented in the past 2 years of grant awards, and groups that

have a program scheduled with the public land agency. Notification of awards will happen in November. Trips need to be completed between Jan. 1, 2019 and August 30, 2019. Thank you National Park Foundation and MT Env. Education Association for all your support on this!

5. Project WET – Steve will send flyer to everyone with Flathead CORE. He will change max. # of teachers to 25 participants so there is room for 5 resource providers – Teresa, Carolan, Monica, and Sarah Bailey (GNP) are all interested. Address for Flathead Lake Biological Station (FLBS) is 3225 Biostation Lane, Polson, MT 59860.
6. Flathead Conservation District (FCD) is looking at creating an education space on property across from their office (not quite an acre) –xeriscaping, native plants, cover crops, and other conservation techniques with plants. NRCS would like area for native grasses and cover crop rotation. Would anyone from Flathead CORE use that kind of a space? Would anyone use the space for a summer kid/adult program? MCC is thinking about doing some after school programming with Evergreen MS so Carolan could envision collaborating on something like that. MCC would be interested in building that space with the middle school students.
7. Kalispell Field Trip – budget cuts mean that SD5 administrators are limiting elementary grades to only two trips per year. They have created a table with the trips they have approved for each grade. Rand, Diann, and Monica are interested in being on a committee to further clarify this and be able to provide administrators/teachers a better tool for making these kinds of decisions. Others should just let Teresa or Laura know if they'd like to work more on this. Monica suggested having a checklist or rubric type of tool for administrators/teachers to go through in order to identify resource providers that fit their education goals.
8. STEM education group forming in the valley with Flathead area wide businesses. There is a goal of having skilled workers and keeping students in this area with good jobs. Teresa can send folks the contact information if they want to attend the next meeting.
9. Round Robin
  - a. Flathead Watershed Through the Seasons- Steering Committee needs to meet in October/November to do more planning toward this.
  - b. Glacier Institute staff are able to assist for 8 hours/day for 14 weeks from Dec. – March. Their time is covered by Glacier NP Conservancy teacher workshop project funding. We hope that will be enough time to finalize the schedule, get PR materials ready, contact and secure speakers, etc. A draft outline of schedule from the Steering Committee is to kick-off at Big Creek for a week in June 2019; then FLBS in Fall 2019 for one weekend day; then a Winter/watersheds 2-day workshop in Jan/Feb 2020 with FNF and GLAC; and close out with Lone Pine State Park for a day in the spring. Teresa will be contacting Steering Committee members to schedule a meeting before December.
10. FLBS – received state money for an aquatic invasive species trunk to be finished in the next year. The Flathead Laker Volunteers would then take this trunk out to classrooms.
11. Creston Fish Fun Days – 150 students and teachers were at the hatchery this past month; spring (K-3) is normal heavy period for field trips to Creston. All summer they have had 1000-15000 students without counting the adults. They are hoping to expand to middle school with the trail since it has been expanded. Bob is looking for ideas/help/support for the next steps of his project.

12. FNF- “passed”; GLAC-“passed”; FCD-“passed”; Diann- “passed”; MCC – “passed”; Hockaday has Library of Congress person interested in doing a workshop about accessing Library of Congress resources. Is that something to pursue? Kathy will send info. To Flathead Watershed through the Seasons Steering Committee to consider.
13. Citizen Science Coordinator, Jami Belt, is back and doing programs with high school students. Melissa participated in training, “Science Communication and Public Participation in Science Workshop.” She is excited about information learned there and will be sharing.
14. Whitefish Center for Sustainability and Entrepreneurship – opened in April and trying to expand outreach, partnerships, and to see what is out there and what is already being done. Question they often get is, “Is this just a Whitefish thing?” The vision is that it’s Flathead Valley-wide – to host meetings, host workshops, and collaborate with other schools. There is an adult education specialist now who is working on opportunities around the community.
15. Next meeting – Wednesday, November 7, 2018 – possibly FCD office. Hailey will confirm. Then Wed. Jan. 16, 2018, place to be decided.