

USGBC Green Schools Advocacy Committee Meeting  
March 9, 2010

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- I. Tour/Case Study of Peterson Elementary Addition and Renovation
  - A. LEED Registered Project in the process of certification
  - B. Geothermal system
- II. Review of minutes from February - posted online, for personal review
- III. K-12 Green Schools Symposium - Walter Payton, April 9
  - A. Call for speakers out now
  - B. Breakout panel or session for Chicago area green school advocate organizations
- IV. USGBC Booth Volunteer opportunities
  - A. Katie Kaluzny will send a note
  - B. Gov's Green School Symposium
  - C. IASBO Annual Conference
  - D. School Building Expo
- V. Greenbuild 2010 Green School tours
  - A. Administrators preferred for tour guides rather than professionals
  - B. Call on Chapter website generated the tour list - currently 20 school tours have been submitted
  - C. Committee members are encouraged to submit additional schools that they think are appropriate
  - D. Powerhouse and UNO Brighton schools suggested for tours. Committee members will be encouraged to submit.
- VI. Update from SCARCE
  - A. Sustainable design challenge in DuPage County on April 13
  - B. Role for this committee: Give certificates to the teachers that lead each team (10 teams)
  - C. West Suburban branch officers can deliver the certificates
  - D. Chapter has a certificate template that may be able to be used.
- VII. Natural Leader Award Nominations
  - A. Presented May 22 at the Gala
  - B. Nominations are due now
  - C. Need nominations in the environmental education category
  - D. Can be an individual or an organization
  - E. Email Stuart, Doc or Katie with nominations
- VIII. South Suburban Branch - April Green School Event
  - A. Doc is working with the branch to find the speakers
  - B. Venue is likely to be Joliet Junior College
  - C. Target audience is educators and administrators
- IX. DCEO Funding
  - A. Grant programs are available and not being utilized fully
  - B. Renewable energy and design grants are available
- X. ISBE Funding
  - A. More information will be presented at future meetings
  - B. Not yet finalized by ISBE
- XI. Meeting Calendar & Conference Call Schedule
  - A. Plan for future meetings was distributed
  - B. Future meetings
    1. LEED EBOM presentation to include:
      - a. Adopt-a-School program progress
      - b. Metro-Chicago schools currently in process
    2. School garden program
    3. Submit additional meeting ideas to Stuart, Doc and Katie

C. Green School Committee 2010 Priorities and Work Plan was distributed