

# Nevada Tahoe Leadership Group

## Minutes of Meeting, February 10, 2004

In attendance: Anga Rebane (GBOS, retired teacher), DC Larrabee (Lake Tahoe School), John Cobourn (Univ NV Coop Ext), Jeff Jenkins (Lake Tahoe School), Bob Wright (SWEP), Heather Segale (LTEEC), Tim Rowe (USGS), Jenny Francis (Marine Research & Education), Bill Gillespie (Incline HS), Paul Guttman (Space Science for Schools), Jan Howell (Incline ES), Mia Andler (Lake Tahoe School).

### Agenda:

1. roundtable sharing
2. updates
3. Rosewood Creek
4. check status of letters of support and commitment
5. decide whether to proceed with NDEP grant application
6. review the leadership group goals documents and refine the list

### Minutes

#### I. Roundtable (only a few highlights were captured)

DC – Incline ES just completed winter program at Great Basin Outdoor School; considering science summer program at Lake Tahoe School

Anga - Incline ES just completed winter program at Great Basin Outdoor School

Jeff – teaches social studies 6-9 at Lake Tahoe School; is interested in the long term; doing Bobcat Tracks, an program on indigenous peoples

Jenny – MR&E may participate in proposal for Zephyr Shoals (Dreyfus estate); working on updating and better aligning curriculum; investigating eco-tours on boat, with Harry Segal

Bob – branching out, basin-wide focus

Heather – wants coordinators in the quadrants of the basin; integrated curriculum; Earth Day is Apr 17 for North Tahoe, at The Village at Squaw Valley, and Apr 24 for South Tahoe, probably at Heavenly; Snapshot Day will be May 22 or Jun 5

Tim – USGS has been involved in the past and he wants to be involved again

#### II. Updates

Teach Tahoe curriculum – Heather is looking for help with identifying grade level for each segment (some done, needs compiling and summarizing), and with copying video tapes (DC will help)

#### III. Rosewood Creek – Deferred until Sarah Tone is in attendance.

#### IV. Letters

Jenny has a letter committing partnerships on curriculum, staff time and expertise, from Marine Research & Education

Jan Howell has a letter from Incline ES

DC will have a letter from Eric Swain committing to a match on van transport, use of site, and office support, for Lake Tahoe School; will also get a letter from Steve Ellsworth to teach workshops and use equipment, from Sierra Nevada College

Bob will provide a letter from SWEP and will solicit a letter from TTUSD

Tim will look into getting a letter of support from USGS

Dan will solicit a letter from the Forest Service  
Heather and Dan will solicit a letter from John Singlaub of TRPA

#### V. Decision on Grant

Discussion (again, only a portion of this discussion was captured):

Bob – wants basin effort, need teacher stipends, SWEF would participate

Jenny – would recruit more clients for MR&E

Bill – we need coordination, linked lessons, sharing

Jeff – Ishmael book at entry point, living in balance

Tim – coordinator really important; agencies want to deal with one person; sustainable and stable

John – how will it work; community and regional coordinators

Anga – about the kids; needs focus and coordination; sustainable when personnel change

DC – teachers must have support from community coordinator

Jan – cherish it (the lake); has letter

Mia – school sites need to be sustainable

The group decided to proceed with applying for funding from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Nonpoint Source Management Program (319) grant.

VI. Refine the group goals for funding (this discussion was focused on stipends since this topic had come up several times earlier in the meeting)

- How do we do stipends for teachers, or sub/release days, or mini-grants?
- Paul talked about his Space Science for Schools program
- Some teacher want to work on projects during school time, by having a substitute, other teachers want to work at other times by having a stipend
- TMCC students could provide services
- Suggested doing mini-grants that could be used for subs, stipends, and other
- What do we need to do for equipment to support monitoring – how much is already available?
- Suggested a water quality monitoring box at each school site rather than boxes kept at a central site
- Monitoring engages the students and is hands-on
- Should the community coordinator position be unified for Washoe and Douglas districts, or split between the two – no clear answer – we will continue thinking and talking about this.

#### VII. Next meeting

Monday, March 8, 2004, perhaps in Douglas county at Kingsbury MS