

Nevada Tahoe K-12 Leadership Group Meeting

Monday March 8, 2004 at University of Nevada Cooperative Extension/AAW Conference Room, Incline Village NV

In attendance: Bill Gillespie, Heather Segale, Bob Wright, Dan Allison

Agenda

1. roundtable and events
2. NDEP grant info
3. define mini-grant program
4. fundraising plan
 - a. known funding sources (NV lands, NTIA, TTSLP, etc.)
 - b. brainstorm sources
 - c. what to spend it on?
 - i. brainstorm
 - ii. refine and prioritize
5. next meeting

1a. Upcoming meetings and events

March 22 – South Tahoe K-12 Leadership Group
March 23 – TTUSD Spring Partnership Meeting
March 23 – Telluride Film Festival, Harrah's
March 30 – Re-Vision (since delayed)
March 31 – Cesar Chavez birthday
April 8,9 – Snapshot Day team leader trainings, north shore
April 15 – North Shore Film Festival at Donald W. Reynolds
April 17 – North Tahoe Earth Day at Squaw Village
April 24 – South Tahoe Earth Day at Heavenly
April 25 – Reno Earth Day at Idylwild Park
May 1 – Cinco de Mayo celebration at Donald W. Reynolds
May 6-9 – AAW Spring Retreat
May 11, 14 – Snapshot Day team leader training, north shore
May 10, 12 – Snapshot Day team leader training, south shore
May 17-19 – Tahoe Research Symposium
May 22 – Snapshot Day

1b. Roundtable

Bill – asked about Sustainable Slopes Day which happened at Alpine Meadows February 21 (and Heavenly, the same day), and suggested Diamond Peak could do the same; since the event happens on the same day in different areas, it might be difficult for organizations and agencies to be present; Dan will ask Sarah or Domi about the idea

Heather – offered information on the National Technology Infrastructure Act (NTIA) grant, due April 27, might be a good LTEEC/SWEP/AAW partnership; could provide classroom training for MS and HS

Bob – want winter activities and professional development so as to utilize staff and opportunities; standards correlation; wants to brainstorm winter activities; possible activities with GBOS and TAO; use Julie Davenport curriculum (also did Waves, Wetlands and Watersheds for California Coastal Commission)

2. NDEP info

- we have heard unofficially that NDEP will not have an RFP for the Nonpoint Source Management Program before August
- invite Harry Reid staff to the Re-Vision session
- add Dorothy Lemelson to our email lists and Watershed Web newsletter (<http://lemelson.org/>; email not known)

3a. Mini-Grant Program

Administration: AAW, SWEP and TTSLP have all administered mini-grants and could do future ones; should money be pooled or separate?; suggested administering by district; have a MOU with contributors; add overhead fee to mini-grants?; mini-grant would be up to \$500 for a school project; have separate money for events, perhaps \$800 per event

What to use mini-grants for?: for projects and deliverables; stipends for teachers; substitute reimbursements at the district rate (~\$80); single teacher vs. multi-teacher projects – have both; transportation costs - \$/mile (check with WSCD to see what their current billing is); equipment

Criteria for awards: keep it simple!; grade levels reached; meets objectives of leadership group and partners; fits the regional vision and strategic plan; how well does it integrate?; one or more of the place-based learning five; put lesson or results into TIIMS; record students and hours

4a. Possible Sources of Funding

- Lemelson
- Duffield
- Senator Reid (invite staff to Re-Vision)
- Hyatt, CalNeva (Charles Bluth, new manager), Biltmore, Nugget, Crystal Bay Club
- Parasol (DWR) partners
- Hewlett, Packard
- Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation
- Millikin – education interest
- Chamber of Commerce, Reno Sparks Convention & Visitor Authority; resorts – Steve Teshara
- Incline Village GID

- Fire departments
- Tahoe-Baikal Institute
- Nevada Water Purveyors, Nevada Tahoe Water Supplier Association
- Representative Gibbons – interest in fire (Heather contact)
- Senator Feinstein (Dan contact)
- Southern Nevada lands money via the Forest Service
- K-16 Council – contact is Terri Guy, at Parasol

4b. Define Community Coordinator

- What duplication might there be between our idea of a community coordinator and IVGID? We should work together, with group focusing on school education and IVGID focusing on community education.
- Focus on Incline and Crystal Bay
- Create and maintain web pages with local information (activities and background info)
- Independent contractor is ok
- Work closely with all other community coordinators and the regional coordinator
- 30 hours total for Nevada side (Washoe & Douglas)
- consider contract with district to use a teacher part-time

4c. What Else?

- Funding for regional coordinator
- Work on winter projects and curriculum
- Tie fire issues and lessons into standards

Next Meeting: April 7, 2004 at 4:00, at UNCE Conference Room, Incline Village