

Sustainable schools round table

People from all over the US are conferencing- Washington, Wisconsin, and California.

- Question #1: What is your earth day celebration like?
 - St. Andrews- reforesting 100 acres, community outreach program- inviting people to see how to be good environmentalists, help w/ watershed. Speaker.
 - Getting voice heard- Jean Faraka is speaking, live production of program and recording environmental stuff, competitions between dormhouses to promote sustainability
 - Chadwick- planning to make a video interviewing kids about how to keep the earth a better place/ all- school assembly.
 - Eric Wilson- Mary Institute and Country Day School-
- Basic sustainability programs?
 - St/ Andrews- organic garden prog. Maybe greenhouse- recycling program, “recycling of egos” dorm recycling programs, compost program, plates are corn based+ compostable.
 - USM- Started composting program last year, take material out of kitchen, vermiculture, produced soil- greenhouse and veggie garden, recycling program- admins take recyclables to centralized Recycling bins- maybe cardboard bailer, make boxes
 - Chadwick- Science teachers w/ sustainability projects. Trying to raise awareness- gardening program, cooking class, compost program, recycling program +eliminate plastic bottles, maybe set up water systems around campus, eco program, comm.. service program, Students of Sustainability- organized thru comm. Service. –follow up- Nalgeen bottles, education program, clean canteens, other options?
- Where are you as far as energy systems?
 - Serf school- research program to create energy. Got grants, just went online about a month ago. About 6 ½ kw, have solar and solar tracker.
 - USM- building program w/ south-facing 20 KW system.
- Any wind programs?
 - WI has WE energies trying to put in wind plants for state use, but the school doesn't really have enough wind- too many trees.
- Comm. Involvement?

- Chadwick- would love to, just don't have permit to do it- conditional se permit
- Conserve School- comm. Building- speakers opened up to the comm.. for free, extra dorm space, invite people to learn, try to mainaitn environmental campus, girlscout program
- St. Louis- looking at ways to incorporate projects into everyday life
- USM's challenge is to embed this into the lifestyle of our school- Recommendations?
 - Linkages- older kids teaching younger kids- having it institutional from a starting point- start them young.
 - Involve the entire community- Have people help turn it, Environmental Stewards group, make it a community effort.
 - Compostable plates, forks, spoons.
- Any summer opps. With sustainability with students over the summer?
 - Conserve school- 2 ½ week program for high school kids on water quality- student conservation organization- “outdoor experience w/a mission” 6-10th grade programs.
 - Student institute in Costa Rica in June- yearly program, but not all sustainability, program for teachers but not students
- Cloud Institute?
 - Good quality, haven't participated
 - Based in NY, set up nonprofit- gets revenue from membership charges and does sustainability “gigs” been around for a while. ‘legitimate operation’

Stay connected!!!!!!!

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