Best Practices in Sustainability Workshop

Date: July, 22, 2015

Time: 9:00 am-11:30am\*

\*Includes a 15 minutes break

Faclitator:

* Barbara Sargent, Superintendent

Presentors:

* Barbara Sargent, Superintendent\*
* Jodi Betterman, Energy Coordinator\*
* Donald Race, Facilities Manager\*
* John DeMarrais and George Crofts, Master Gardeners from the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon County

\*District Green Committee Members

Attendees:

* Please see attached sign-in sheets

Course Syllabus:

* The workshop, which was open to district staff and community members, focused on sustainability, indoor air quality, the district’s achievements in energy reduction, student involvement in environmental projects, and native landscaping.
* Energy Coordinator Jodi Bettermann presented energy savings achieved by the district to date and strategies that can be used at home and in the classroom to create a more sustainable existence.
* Facilities Manager Donald Race presented on the concept and history of sustainability, how facility maintenance relates to district sustainability and indoor air quality.
* Facilitator and Superintendent Barbara Sargent presented updates on the districts sustainability policies and the schools achievements in program involvement such as Green Ribbon Schools, Eco-Schools, River Friendly, and Sustainable NJ Schools.
* Master Gardener John DeMarrais and George Crofts from the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon County presented a program on native and invasive plants and their impact on the environment.
* The workshop closed with an open discussion on sustainability issues related to the district and community and strategies to move forward with our efforts.