

Next Generation: Attracting and Retaining Students

Meeting Minutes

11/16/2009

Attendees: Elaine Erickson, Betsy Wesselhoff, Jeanne Graham, Will Endrisen, Gloria Fauerbach, Abbey Halberg, Kelly Traczyk

After giving a general description of the Beautiful Northwoods project we have been working on, Elaine suggested some people she had in mind for the class and assisting in instruction. She mentioned that the library has some funds left over from a grant that could be used towards the photo project. The Ironwood library has computers and space available for presentations and/or use of the computer lab if necessary. They have 5 computers available plus 4 laptops for general use.

Abbey talked about her service-learning projects she is embarking on with Terry Davis, the art teacher at the Hurley School. They will be integrating with 4H programs to offer photography as a service-learning project.

People & groups that were mentioned to assist in various ways or need assistance from the Beautiful Northwoods Adventure:

1. Ben Schundt
2. Jeff Richter – local photographer, author,
3. Vicky Nelson – MI - Extension
4. Lucia Patritto – MI - Extension
5. Geneva Smiles – GVHS Community Development and working with SISU
6. Phil Kacera – starting a photo group
7. The Big Read – collaboration of libraries to increase literacy
8. SPARKS
9. SISU – ski race Jan. 9th – would like photos of this race
10. Teen library group

We discussed presenting our photo project to area boards and groups to increase the awareness of the project and the area itself. Suggested venues were: city, county, and school boards, Chambers of Commerce, GCC Board, and various youth development groups. These groups would benefit from the knowledge we develop from the pictures and student descriptions as well as offer outlets to disseminate the information.

Will talked about the Beautiful Northwoods Group (BNG) which is meeting December 22nd and their willingness to help the Next Generation groups. He would like someone from our group to present the progress we have made and the work we hope to achieve in the near future. The BNG would like cost estimates from our group regarding what we feel our budget could use to support the effort and improve our current programming. Kelly will look up cost estimates for printing and publication of a photo book with the data collected.

Next meeting will be scheduled the first week in December.