

First Garden Meeting 2-27-2017

* start with everyone briefly introducing themselves and why they are interested in revitalizing the garden/ hopes/dreams/visions

* share the proposal, so folks can see the vision and timeline.

* as a group define different volunteer roles/teams

- fundraisers/grants
- ordering and maintaining supplies
- classroom contacts for teachers wanting to bring students to garden
- weekly garden group once weather is nicer
- Spring clean up
- Summer maintenance sign up
- Garden map/seedlings
- Composting food in cafeteria
- AAPS garden support group - meeting is at King Elementary Thursday March 30 from 4:30-5:30

Then ask if there is anyone willing to lead any of the teams: recruiting volunteers to their team, thinking through logistics, and coordinating their team volunteers.

* Once leaders step up for teams, others can meet in the smaller groups to figure out next steps.

* each group could then report out next steps.

I'm focusing on students in Ms. Gangler and Ms. Hoopaws classes. Working with kids in their classes during recess or growing seeds in the classroom. I will also be at the school gardening with my 4 year old during the school day. I'd love to garden once a week for an hour with other parents right after drop off, as the weather gets warmer.

I really hope for teachers and parents in other classes to explore and do what they are excited about with the garden.

My goals for this year are to maintain the garden space (weed, water, order seeds, and supplies, build boxes, seed map) so that it's available and easily accessible, to bring people who are interested together (initiate the relationships), and to raise awareness of the garden availability to students and teachers for the school curriculum. I've been able to encourage many kids to be curious and excited while I'm there visiting (I'm at the school almost daily for lunch so I have a lot of conversations with kids about the garden and growing their own food) and when they see me gardening. I am also committed to the garden support group meetings through AAPS.

Last story- Isaiah saying he really doesn't want to go to school today, then remembering he has to measure and water the plants..ran off to school! Watching plants grow and being connected to our food has inspired our family.