

8-6-18

3:30-4:30 PM

Fox Lake Community Center

Present:

Erin Berry, Mary Perkins, Bob Bergman and Kathy Rydquist

Discussion Topics:

- I. Foundation Land - The committee would like to see the food garden plots moved back to the school yard.

The vision is:

1. A sign that can be seen from both directions on Hwy 33 announcing the Ann McCarthy Memorial Garden, a partnership between SAGES and the Fox Lake Community.
2. A welcoming gate with paths that people could walk through, benches for them to sit upon, flowers and trees with educational information posted, a place where the community can come to relax and learn.
3. Maybe a gazebo/mound or combination of structures to facilitate a stage area where music concerts, plays or other events could be held.

The plan is:

1. Create a partnership between the Dodge County Master Gardeners and students in grades 5 and 6 to design the space for beauty, ease of maintenance, educational content and long-term sustainability.
2. Work with the SAGES Foundation and possibly apply for some grants to cover the costs of landscaping.

- II. Community Relationships - The committee would like to foster possible mentorship opportunities working with FLPO and other organizations and individuals in Fox Lake.

The vision is:

1. Community members volunteer to share their time and talents with SAGES students throughout the school year and beyond.
2. Adopt a student (completely anonymous to both sides) a community member to donate a backpack, coat, etc. to a SAGES student in need.
3. Mentorship/Tutoring/Partnering for before and after school care/involving the library and historical society...

The plan is:

1. The committee members will work to put together a database of individuals and organizations in the area who would be receptive to working with SAGES
2. The committee will plan an event for the fall of 2019 that would bring these people together. This event may have an auction, a cookout, tours of the new building and help from LeRoy meats.

We decided to meet again on September 17 at 3:30 in my classroom.

-EB