

# Red Cedar Environmental Institute

## Board Meeting 8/21/12

*Date:* Tuesday, August 21, 2012

*Time:* 6:00 pm

*Location:* CW High School Conference Room

*Present:* Sheryl Clafin, Dale Hanson, Rick Jacob, Andrea Beach, Joe Bognar, Mike Steiner.

### *Agenda Items*

1. *Approve previous board meeting minutes:* revisions noted.
2. *Public comments:* none.
3. *Agenda approved.* Additional item to discuss- Dale's possible departure from Board.
4. *Financial:*

*Bank account:* no discussion.

*Fundraising: Harvest Fest-* Plans and preparation to occur the first week of school. Run Ad week of Harvest fest to inform public of activities planned by RCEI  
*Run/walk-* Discussion of logistics. Pre-register by 8/31/12. Logo is ready. Race time 0900. Water should be made available halfway point and at end of. Sheryl has 2 large water cooler and Mike has paper cups. PA system- will need to recruit someone to make announcements. Make attempt email "Fishy Four" list. Bananas and oranges possibly donated by Kwik Trip. Lake Protection information will be at Pavilion. DJ club to possibly set up for post race music. Progress update: Joe Bognar- Canoe Race. Last years shirts are being utilized. Canoe race time 1200. Poster is viewed and revisions suggested. Concessions: Recruit some new parents for these duties at the Wed 8/22/12 open house (5-7) and new parent meeting (7-8).

*Implementation grant renewal grant-* Grant funds approved for revised total of \$150,000.00.

5. *Enrollment-* One withdrawal. Total enrollment is at 24.
6. *Facilities-* Furniture: On hold in Eau Claire. Eight work stations added to lab room due to current classroom configuration. Trailer: Joe will install bike racks. Sign for exterior is in progress as well.
7. *Marketing-* Website: Updated recently with events, links and more information. Back to School newspaper article: Came out on 8/15/12. Back to school meeting/open house: 8/22/12. Refreshments planned. Radio Ads: are plying at rate of one a day on Z100. Facebook Ads: Not updated yet.

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8. *Training-* Methods for Description of Vegetation Class. Freshwater mussel class: Good experience and something the kids will be studying this fall. No Teacher Left Inside Project Based Learning Workshop: Both Mike and Holly attended and did some networking with local teachers. Project Foundry Training: Mike and Holly were trained 8/20/12. This is student generated and updated daily.
9. *School-* Shoreline Restoration project: Sheryl updates on permits. Project to likely start after 9/8/12. Recycling bin grant: Bins (24) are all over the school thanks to Joe. Mike submitted an article to *Chetek Alert* regarding this grant. Students will do data collection as part of grant requirements. Year One Video: 15 minute photo essay/yearbook set to music. This was sent out to all last years students. Survey of last years students and parents: Mike would like the Board to send this out. Rick will work on this. Discussion follows regarding board members concerns after first year. Communication between teachers, students and parents will be a focus for the 2012-2013 academic year as it has been identified as key area for improvement. Also more specific deadlines and project presentations will be emphasized/required. Project Foundry will be integral in the process. Consensus is first year was a success. RCEI to make annual presentation to School Board per contract
10. Dale is requesting a leave of absence from the Board due to the demands of his new position. He will entertain attending meetings via teleconference. There are a few potential people discussed for his substitute for this period.
11. *Adjourn: Meeting is closed at 2010*