

Garden Committee Minutes January 9, 2018

Members present: Nicole Curtin, Mary Phillips-Leblanc, Tina Pine, Megan Nevins, Caitlin Keefe

Composting

- Need student buy in. Green team has discussed but does not have solid student commitment yet
- Discussed different protocol which might make students have better buy in with composting, particularly how to avoid “contamination” of compost with other garbage

Indoor plants on landings/ watering

- Tentative schedule was made, Nicole will use this to create an “official” schedule for watering both landings

Seed buying/ lack of funding

- Nicole will speak with Noelle on current/ future solutions

Corner garden continued revitalization

- Discussed layout and ideas for low maintenance plants
- Will schedule at least two work days in the spring to continue this project

Community garden plan of action

- Need to ask Tony to remove piece of rebar that sticks up
- Soil improvement
 - Mary mentioned goat manure. We would need to pick this up/ transport it, but it is available for free
 - Discussed reaching out to interested community members with equipment to help move old “sand” out, new soil additives in
- Ideas for seeds
 - Carrots (pelleted), kale, tomatoes, radishes, beets, potatoes, beans (plant later for fall harvest with students), sunflowers

Sunflower seeds

- Lots of seeds harvested from our sunflowers this fall
- Have each classroom start a few this spring
- Project ideas for extras
 - Seed packet design/ mothers day?
 - Nicole will reach out to Michele G. to see if there are any overlaps with her curriculum (design component)