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Re: Green Committee meeting about Platinum Gold Office pilot program

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To: Vera Wiest <vwiest@umd.edu>

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This looks great, Vera! Thanks, as always, for being our leader on this!

Take care,
Mona Leigh

On Wed, Jan 29, 2020 at 2:29 PM Vera Wiest <vwiest@umd.edu> wrote:
Dear Committee Members,

We met today to set goals for the next 5 years to be our action for the Platinum Green Office. Below you will find our minutes. If you have any other goals to add please let us know.

Green Committee Minutes January 28, 2020

In attendance, Miller, Guha, McAllister, Smalls, Person, Fowler, Wiest

Platinum Certification is recognition that your office goes above and beyond in its sustainability efforts. Not only has the Green Office Program impacted daily office habits, but the program's goals have integrated into your office culture and have become a guiding principle when making choices. Platinum status differs from the other certification levels as your Green Office Representative and office members propose and submit their own individualized action plans to achieve personal and ambitious sustainability goals.

CYC Platinum Green Office Goals

As a team, we have decided to set some future goals for our office to attain. We see ourselves as Early Childhood educators.

1- Publish our mission on our Green School website.

<http://cycgreen.weebly.com/>

2- Check to make sure it is feasible to continue washing cloth rags and napkins instead of just composting napkins.

3- Find some sort of solar powered toy for the playground to show children how solar power works.

2-Make our Trash Free Tuesday program an everyday program.

3-Get water refill stations in every classroom. This would be the same as the one in the Yellow Room installed last summer. May need to apply for a grant.

4- Invest in blinds for the Great Room to help with not needing as much heating and air conditioning.

5- Look into landscaping that would help reduce erosion on the playground.

6- Renew our Eco-School USA Green Flag award (due May 2021) and our Maryland Green School Award (Due April 2023).

Our mission statement is below. Please let me know if anything needs changing.

Our goal is to teach conservation of the environment to young children along with the support of their families, through our programs including Trash Free Tuesdays, Maryland Green School and Eco-school USA participation, the UMD Green Office program, and other school- wide endeavors such as e-waste recycling drives. We believe that young children can begin to understand and learn the importance of being thoughtful about their use of the resources available to them and the impact that this may have on their environment, and that this can lead to their future involvement in matters that concern being a good steward of the world around them.

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