

VEEN Board Call Notes: August 12th, 2020

In Attendance: Ashley, Kerri, Caroline, Ali, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Nicole, Chris

Facilitator: Kerri & Ashley

Notetaker: Caroline

Agenda

- ~1 minute personal/professional updates
- **August 20th webinar panel: Success Stories in Learning Outdoors!**
 - Panelists: Beth Roy & Emily Kaplita & Bobby from VT Four Science
 - 22 folks signed up as of August 12th
 - Don't forget that Board Members should register as well if they plan to attend - https://uvmextension.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FHLUdRRMS0OfVQJUHrePyA
 - Where have we shared the flyer so far?
 - Shared to:
 - VT Fish and Wildlife Ed team
 - Shelburne Farms staff
 - VEEN 2018 list serve
 - VEEN website
 - Maine EEA
 - Four Winds Staff
 - Where else can we share the flyer? Promote the webinar?
 - Beth- Farm to School Network?
 - Nicole- UV Teaching Place Collaborative: coordinator@uvtpc.org (They are listed as a participant in the panel! I forgot about that... Is Beth representing both groups, perhaps?)
- **Next webinar - Tuesday September 15th 3:30-5**
 - Who wants to take the lead on organizing? - idea (supporting educators to go outdoors)
 - Volunteered
 - Moderator: Caroline
 - Presenters: Ali Thomas, Nicole said she would reach out to some individuals + Chris said she would reach out to 4 Winds People
 - Caroline can connect you with templates of emails & presentation format available
 - Check in with panelists at 3:30 (links set up already)
- **COVID-19 Education Survey: Goal is to include this at end of Aug 20th webinar & in upcoming membership announcement**
 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XKSV327>
 - Please check out & give feedback to Kerri
 - To find out what EE providers are offering this fall & what traditional educators need support with
 - Identify some 'matches' and/or offerings that VEEN could provide
 - Post results anonymously on our website to give a sense of what orgs are providing
 - Planning to send out next week (and mention at webinar to promote participation)

- **Statement, Accountability & Action Steps toward Equity & Inclusion**
 - Would we like to create an organizational action plan?
 - Who would be willing to work on this?
 - Kerri, Ali, Ashley
 - Elizabeth would like to be involved, but not sure what amount she can commit atm
 - Kerri will send a couple tentative times to check in
 - Post on our action steps in the website, demonstrate our commitment
 - Caroline can include in membership email too
- **Membership** (wait for diversity and equity inclusion statement)
 - Send renewal/sign up email soon (including education survey & webinar info)
- **Schedule of VEEN meetings for rest of calendar year**
 - Stick with the same alternating schedule once a month? Yes
- **Logo** - [2020 Logos and Templates](#)
 - This is a folder with a logo and template we created. Feel free to use in anything that promotes VEEN

Any Other Announcements? Questions?

Date of next VEEN call: 12pm September 9th

Zoom Call Info: Sent via Outlook Calendar invite until September 2020