

**Bates School Council  
Agenda and Minutes  
February 5, 2019**

**Attendees:** Toni Jolley, Liz Rey, Jacqui Martell, Jess Mead, Kendall Brook, Lauren Sumner, Susan Zelenko, Lee Duvall

**Absent:** Jill Murphy, Kathy Poirier

**Social Emotional Learning**

Casel: SEL organization, Toni showed and we discussed Social and Emotional Learning chart and different colors that represent different levels of social emotional learning. Toni discussed the SEL curriculum in the WPS, at the elementary, MS, and HS levels. Our wellness committee has scheduled a well-known speaker, Lisa Damour, to talk about raising girls and teenagers. Toni showed a video about SEL. Students need to feel safe at school in order to learn. Teachers need to feel cared for and parents need to know their kids are safe.

**Green Initiatives**

Nancy Braun explained that Wellesley Green Schools is working on using recyclable materials, getting schools to be more thoughtful about guidelines for what they use every day and for special events. Bates has on average 14 pounds of waste/week. They have a guide for how to have events and have minimum waste. Reduce and Reuse: the two Rs.

Lauren Sumner and Susan Zelenko discussed how PTO has worked to reduce waste for the Pumpkin Fair. Schools need to recycle enough volume for the RDF to continue to recycle them. Water bottle use was discussed.

We discussed a WPS green initiative to recycle markers during the school year.

Jacqui Martell told us about the “marker monster” in the Art room and how she recycles markers.

Susan Z. mentioned the Jingle Jam and using more recyclable products. Nicole M. mentioned the Bates picnic as a good event to think about recycling.

Susan Z. handed out copies of past Green Team initiatives to brainstorm.

Nancy mentioned reusable water containers for sporting events in place of plastic water bottles, and Toni discussed the Food Recovery pilot in Wellesley and how it is working at Bates.

Toni explained that Whitson’s is sending any unused cooked food back to the MS and they are sending it out to be used elsewhere. Cardboard lunch trays are recyclable as well as some plastic containers and utensils.

Susan Z mentioned the idling campaign, native flowers, stumps, and an “outdoor classroom” as possible green initiatives at Bates. She asked for suggestions for new Green Team initiatives.

Nicole M. mentioned that Bates used to do projects by grade level for Earth Day (month of March.) Liz R. said that each year in March during library classes, students do various projects around Earth Day and World Wildlife Day.