Program Management Tools

The Edible Schoolyard Academy



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- Staff Meetings
- Volunteer Management
- Scheduling

Staff Meetings

Top Line Agenda Information

ESY All Staff Meeting

Scribe: Hana

Facilitator: Geoff

Timekeeper: Nick

Date: 05/24/17

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Kitchen

Cultural Principle of the week:

We are committed to developing

our cultural humility

Norm of the week: Pausing

Norm keeper: Esther

Agenda

Opening (13 Minutes)

- Mini Check-in (~15 sec per person)
- Appreciations
- Actions follow-up
- What's on your plate? (~30 sec per person)
- Calendar Review (2 min)
- Add items to Agenda

Quick Check In (10 Minutes)

• Quick Items, no discussion just updates

Hot Take (25 minutes)

• This agenda item is open for discussion and collaboration

Closing (5 minutes)

- Norm keeper report out (2 min)
- Review of actions (1 min)
- Next week's <u>cultural principle</u> (1 min)
 - o Professionalism
- Close Meeting

Notes:

Staff Meetings

- All staff meetings
- Garden staff meetings
- Kitchen staff meetings
- Management meetings

All meetings...

- Have an agenda
- Have a staff person taking notes (saved on a shared server)
- Have an agenda item for action follow-up
- Have a staff person compile issues/actions/decisions after the meeting

Volunteer Management

Recruitment

Warm Up



What have you found effective for volunteer recruitment?

How We Engage Volunteers

- Garden & Kitchen Classes: set-up, clean up, working with kids, leading a table
- Wednesday Weeders
- FNO: classes, outreach, community outreach
- One on one mentoring
- Fundraising: they cultivate donors and are donors themselves

Internships and Youth Empowerment

- IWE's
- High School Interns
- Partner Interns

Training

Volunteer Orientation

Training at the Edible Schoolyard:

- Paint a picture of a great volunteer
- Offer a basic/introductory tour of the space
- Go over expectations and policies
- Distribute Volunteer Handbooks

Internal Agenda

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10 minutes	Introduction, Ice Breaker	Jason
10 minutes	History/Organizational Overview	Hana
5 minutes	Change for this year	Jason
15 minutes	Expectation/Handbook/ Scheduling	Hana
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Volunteer Orientation

Ongoing training:

- Posted guidelines and reminders
- ESY teachers make time to chat with volunteers before and after class
- Three-week check-ins with new volunteers
- Iterative, real-time feedback from them
- Clear protocol for handling issues with volunteers

Retention

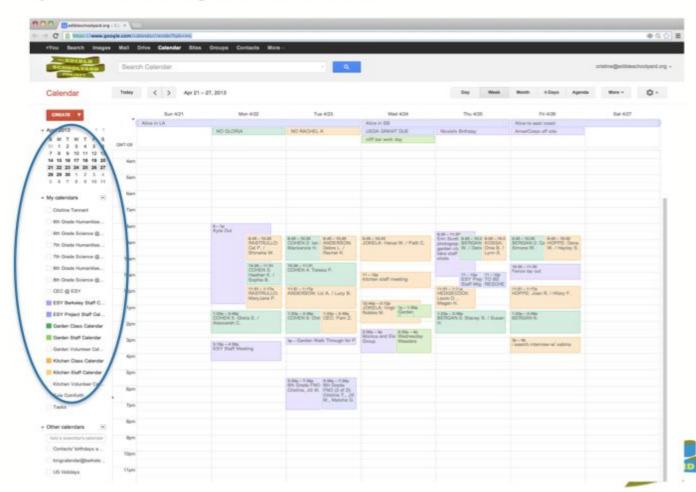
Volunteer Retention

- Clearly and frankly describe the experience and role of the volunteer from the start
- Say "yes"
- Value time of volunteers as highly or more highly than your own
- Practice gratitude:
 - Culture of "thank you"
 - Seasonal thank you cards
 - End-of-school-year volunteer appreciation dinner
 - Raffles at events
- Make every effort to keep valued volunteers happy

PRACTICING GRATITUDE

Scheduling

Separate calendars for garden and kitchen classes



PROGRAM

- MEETING
- EVENT
- TOUR
- PROGRAM
- OFF-SITE

CLASSES

- GARDEN CLASSES
- KITCHEN CLASSES

