ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

DATE: November 24, 2009

ATTENDEES: Dan Farrell, Ken McCabe, Bill Ferland, Edna O'Neill Mattson, Mary Pecchia, Pam Forleo, Rick Foote, Cindy Pennacchia, Lynn Gudeczauskas, Dave Snow, Sue Eramian, Dick Robinson

NOTES: Bill Ferland brought copies of what will be this committee's by-laws going forward. After reviewing the by-laws, committee members recommended a few changes which will be incorporated in the final version. All changes to the by-laws were voted on by all committee members present and approved. Copies of the by-laws will be distributed to each committee member along with the minutes of this meeting and posted to the website.

Pam Forleo asked if there is a provision allowing the committee to have student members. Bill will check with Ron Schertz and Student Government to see if there is any interest.

Dick Robinson informed the committee that the unified dispatch system is in place. The 800 MHz system gives the Campus Police communication across all campuses as well as the ability to communicate with police, fire and EMA officials when necessary to better serve the community. There is currently a glitch in the system that is being worked out at the Newport and Flanagan campuses. Given the shortage of personnel, the inability to “man” the system is preventing its full deployment.

Ken McCabe announced that a contract for twelve HVAC rooftop units for the Flanagan Campus has been awarded and that the removal of the old system and installation of the new system will likely be a two year process.

Also, the hot water tanks at the Knight Campus are being installed this week and should be working by the first week of December.

New signage for smoking is being put up at all campuses. Once again discussion of ways to enforce the non-smoking issue took place and ideas by some of the committee members will be pursued.

Rick Foote discussed the issue of the Flanagan cancer cluster. He spoke with Bob Vanderslice from the Department of Health. Dr. Vanderslice agreed to come back to the Flanagan campus to hear the concerns of individuals but since he has nothing new to report he does not feel that such a meeting would be productive. There is a potential to receive “Stimulus Money” to update data only per Rick.

Pamela Forleo presented a list of issues and Bill provided research and data to respond and hopefully quell any concerns raised.

NEXT MEETING: March 26, 2010