

# Carlisle County Energy Team Meeting

March 21, 2012

## Minutes

The Carlisle County Energy Team met Wednesday, March 21, 2012 in the Gold Room. Members in attendance were: Kelli Edging, Amy Guhy, Jessica Thomas, Nicole Duncan, Rhonda King, Margaret Wilson, Cindi Pool, Dr. Keith Shoulders and Jim Crouse.

The KEEPS Stewardship Award, received February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the KSBA convention, was presented and reviewed. This award signifies that the district has completed a broad spectrum of activities which have successfully laid the groundwork for the energy management program.

The recycling program is still enjoying success. Year to date 27,140 pounds of cardboard and paper have been collected and sold for \$814.20. Ms. Coleman, Ms. Duncan, students and teachers, have been very dedicated to the project. Ms. Coleman has also gotten the high school involved with the Kentucky Green and Healthy Schools. This program, run through the Kentucky Department of Education, offers opportunities for grants, training and recognition of success as school districts move toward a more "green and healthy" school environment.

Mr. Crouse pointed out to the group that the 3 year dollar cost average for electricity usage is almost \$178,000.00 annually. Though the district has completed some conservation measures involving lighting, plug load and the like, opportunities still exist in usage reduction.

Nurse Karen Elliott and Jim Crouse attended an Indoor Air Quality seminar, March 14 in Paducah. The district had received an IAQ assessment in the fall of '11 through Tulsa University. It was pointed out that school IAQ across the nation is generally poor and that training of all school personnel was an important step in correcting the problems. Lack of acceptable IAQ negatively affects performance of all personnel working in the school environment, most noticeably students.

Repair of malfunctioning equipment was discussed. It was noted that when maintenance was not promptly notified of a leak, HVAC not functioning properly and other issues, both performance and health of students could suffer, not to mention added utility costs. Will King has requested that along with a written report, that he be notified directly when a problem is spotted. This will hopefully expedite repair and reduce downtime.

Funds for energy efficiency projects will soon become available resulting from a settled lawsuit between the TVA and EPA. The settlement which involves \$11.2 million will be equally divided over 5 years, with preference being given to projects within the TVA territory. The disbursement of these funds is not exclusive to school districts but may also be made available to other entities with appropriate eligibility.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 23, 2012, 9:00 AM in the Gold Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Crouse, SEMP Coordinator