

**Cornell Cooperative Extension Schuyler County
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Agenda & Minutes**

5:00 pm, Mar 15, 2022; Rm 120, SC Human Services Bldg

Present: Paul Bartow, Kristin VanHorn, Chelsea Stamp, Chad Hendrickson, Howard Cabezas, Michael Lausell

Public: None

Excused: Sarah Agan, Mark Rondinaro, Riqui Hess

Absent: Rick Reisinger, Alex Bond

Staff: Nathan Scott, Virginia Montopoli, Kim Seaman

TOPIC	DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION (s)	FOLLOW-UP / ACTION
Call to order	Meeting called to order at by Chad Hendrickson	
Public Comment	None	
Previous meeting Minutes	Motion made by (NAME) to accept the February 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by	Aye: Nay: 0, Abstain: 0. Motion carries unanimously.
Staff Conversation	Kim Seaman, WG After School REACH Program Coordinator	
New Business	Mark Rondinaro, new Board member replacing Leslie Morris. For Approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of new 4H Fund in honor of Chris Peterson • Year end fund transfers 	
Prior Business	Board orientation – do we want an in-person orientation? Visit to Arnot Forest – results of Doodle poll; possibly Apr 20	
Reports and Updates	WIGO: (What Is Going On) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee, Howard Cabezas (5 min) • Nathan Scott, Executive Director (5 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on Commercial Ag position ○ Events – 4/14 Popup Market, Pruning, etc • Chad Hendrickson, CCESC Board President (5 min) • Adam Hughes, State Extension Specialist (5 min) • Marketing Committee, Sarah Agan (5 min) • Legislative Report, Michael Lausell (5 min) • PAC Committee Reports (5 min) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ag and Natural Resources – Rick Reisinger ○ Hidden Valley Camp & Youth and Family – Riqui Hess & Paul Bartow 	
Next Meeting	April 19, 2022; 5:00 pm in Rm 120, SC Human Services Complex	
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at by	

Submitted by Virginia Montopoli, CCE Recording Secretary

Supporting Documents – For review prior to the meeting

- 2021 Fund Transfer report
- Minutes from Feb meeting
- Feb CDNR Report
- March Staff slides



Mission: To sustain and support our community through collaborations that put experience and research to work.

Vision: Honoring the past, preparing for the future through: life-long learning; sustainable agriculture and natural resources management; healthy adults, youth and families; engaged communities.

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Meeting Minutes

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Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Chad Hendrickson

Public Comment – None

Previous Meeting Minutes – **Motion** by Kristin Van Horn to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2022 meeting as distributed, second Chelsea Stamp. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Staff Conversation – Kim Seaman, WG After School REACH Program Coordinator REACH serves students in 3rd through 8th grade attending the Watkins Glen School District and their families. Tutoring for all students and learning opportunities for families are provided as well as many after school and summer activities. Currently, 65 students are enrolled representing 51 families. REACH submitted a funding proposal to the NYS Department of Education as the current 5-year grant ends June 30, 2022. The proposal is similar to the current one but adds Elmira City Schools to the consortium and includes only grades 3-6. **Slides are available for viewing.**

New Business

- *Welcome to Mark Rondinaro, new Board member replacing Leslie Morris*
Mark is unable to be at this meeting, he will be officially welcomed at the April meeting.
- *For Approval: Year-end fund transfers*
Year-end transfers and the creation of the Chris Peterson Memorial Fund were discussed and approved by the Finance Committee at the March 14th meeting. Board approval is needed to process transfers. **Motion** by Paul Bartow to approve the creation of the Chris Peterson Memorial Fund, second Howard Cabezas. **Motion passes unanimously.**
Motion by Michael Lausell to approve the transfer of all funds, second by Kristin Van Horn. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Prior Business

- *Board Orientation*
Orientation videos were sent out. The Board prefers an in-person orientation. Adam Hughes, State Extension Associate and Cornell University liaison is willing to give an in-person orientation.
Action Item: Nathan Scott to reach out to Adam Hughes to check on his availability for a the April meeting. Adam's presentation will be in lieu of staff conversation.
- *Arnot Teaching and Research Forest – Maple Program*
Visit/tour scheduled for April 20, 2022 from 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Reports and Updates – WIGO: (What Is Going On)

- *Finance Committee, Howard Cabezas (5 min)*
The Committee reviewed and approved the December/year-end reports. There was a conversation on the upcoming audit.
Action Item: Nathan Scott to reach out to SBN to find out if audit costs can be consolidated with other Associations.
Motion by Chad Hendrickson to approve the December/year-end reports pending independent financial review, second by Paul Bartow. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- *Nathan Scott, Executive Director (5 min)*
 - *Update on Commercial Ag position*
Alec Moore has been hired part-time
 - *Events – 4/14 Popup Market, Pruning, etc.*
Pruning workshops: March 19 & 26, 9:00-12:00 pm at Apples and Moore
Popup Market: April 14, 3:00-7:00 pm at the Montour Falls Fireman's Field
 - *Communications*
A new CCES brochure was distributed. It is available from CCES and program leads can distribute them at tabling events.
 - *4H Camp*
Registration for summer 2022 is up. Camp staff are preparing an application for the American Camp Association for full accreditation.
- *Chad Hendrickson, CCESC Board President (5 min)*
Next week is Ag in the classroom week. The Farm Bureau coordinates this event and suggests that CCE take over next year. The Farm Bureau can budget money to assist.
Next meeting: Select a date and time for the Board to meet with the CCE staff.
- *Adam Hughes, State Extension Specialist (5 min) – no report*
- *Marketing Committee, Sarah Agan (5 min) – no report*
- *Legislative Report, Michael Lausell (5 min)*
The Schuyler County Legislature established an Economic Development fund from the sales tax surplus. These funds are available to all local municipalities and non-profit organizations in Schuyler County. CCES may want to apply. More information can be found on the Legislature's website.
- *PAC Committee Reports (5 min)*
 - *Ag and Natural Resources – Rick Reisinger – no report*
 - *Hidden Valley Camp & Youth and Family – Riqui Hess & Paul Bartow – no report*
Action Item: Nathan Scott will reach out to Mel Schroeder to request the meeting dates to share with Riqui Hess and Paul Bartow.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 19, 2022; 5:00 pm, room 120, Schuyler County Resources Complex. Board members would like to meet in other locations besides the Human Resources Complex.

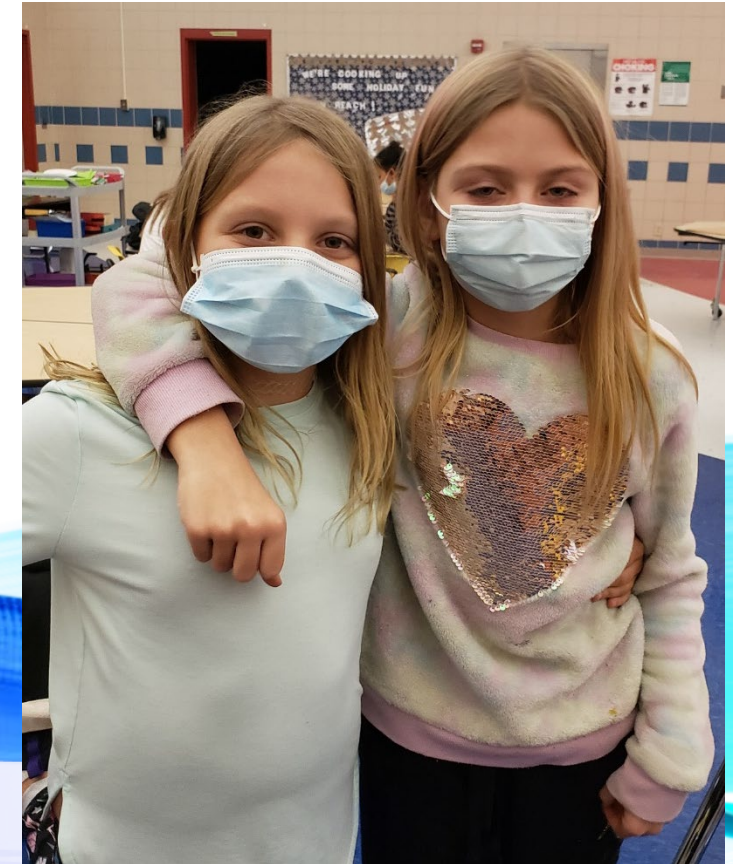
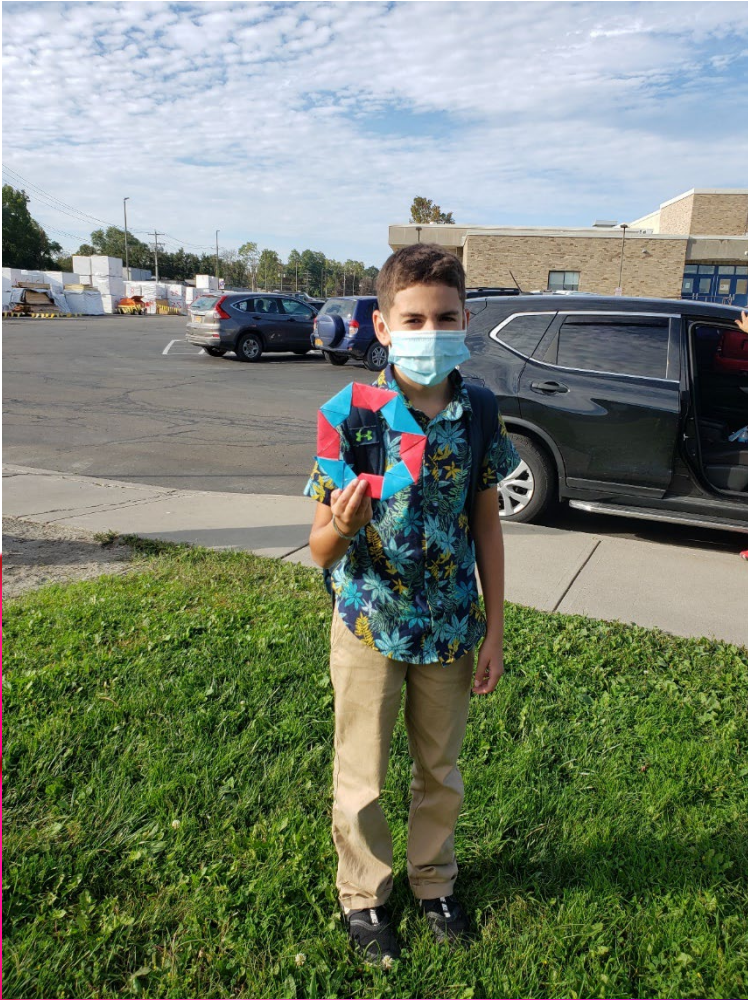
Action Item: Chad Hendrickson to reach out to Lakewood Winery on availability for the May meeting as well as look into other locations for future meetings.

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Chad Hendrickson; second Michael Lausell.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm

Minutes submitted by Virginia Montopoli, 3/23/22

WATKINS GLEN REACH

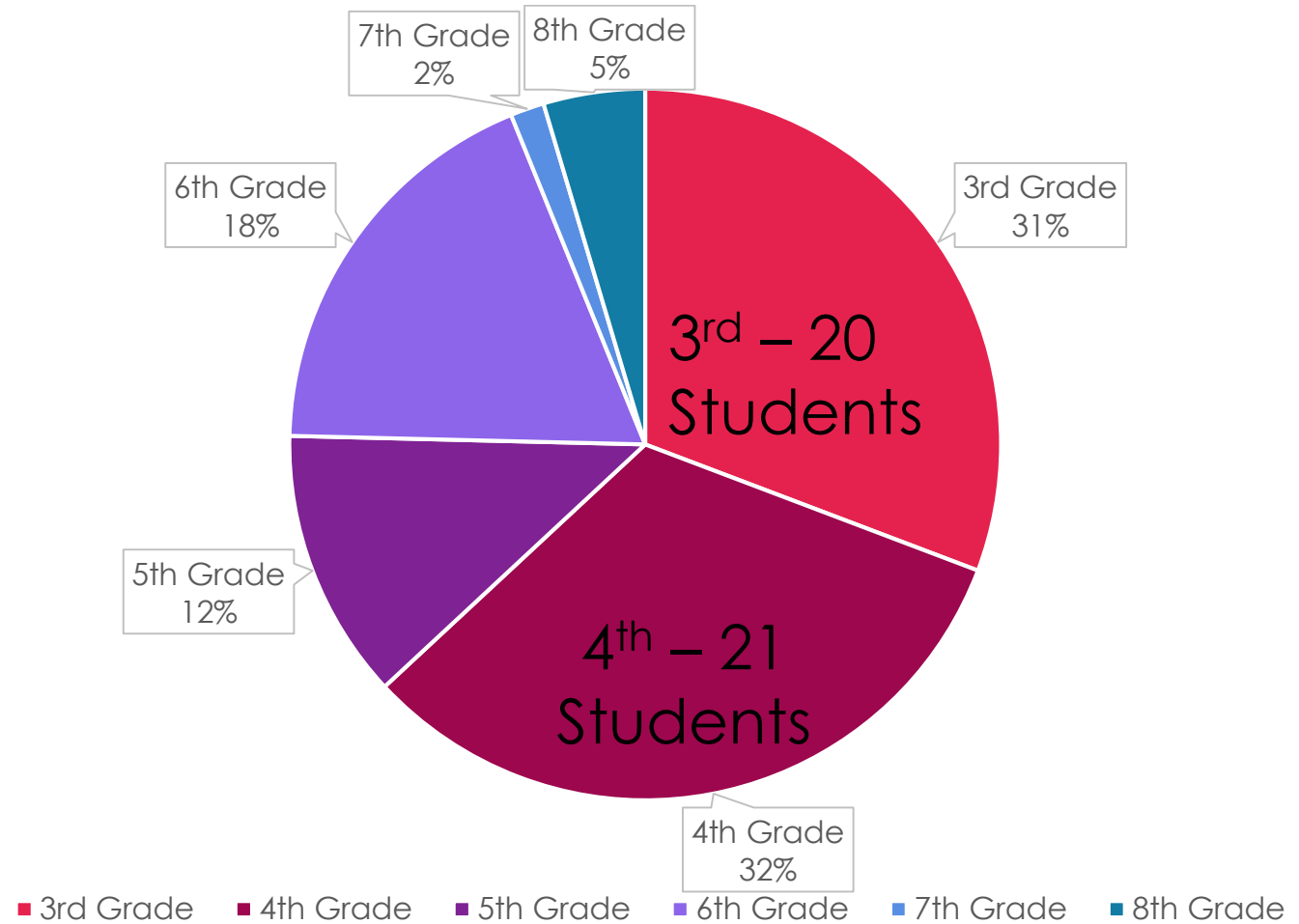
Funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants



Who we serve

Students in 3rd through 8th grade that attend school in the Watkins Glen School District and their families.

We currently have 65 students enrolled in program representing 51 families.



We Provide:

Tutoring for all our students.

Learning opportunities for students through our daily enrichments.

Learning opportunities for our families through our family nights, and educational workshops like Parenting Town Halls.

A safe place for students to be while their parents are at work.

A Kid's Farmer's Market weekly through our summer program and every third Wednesday throughout the school year. This event is open to all families with children in Schuyler County.

Helping Students, Families, and the Community



RESILIENCE THROUGH COVID

How it affected us

We were able to switch to virtual within two weeks of the shut-down in March 2020.

Our enrollment went down considerably from about 100 students to about 20.

Students and teachers learned how to work with virtual platforms.

How it is still affecting us

Enrollment is capped at 75 students. Students are behind academically, emotionally, socially, and behaviorally.

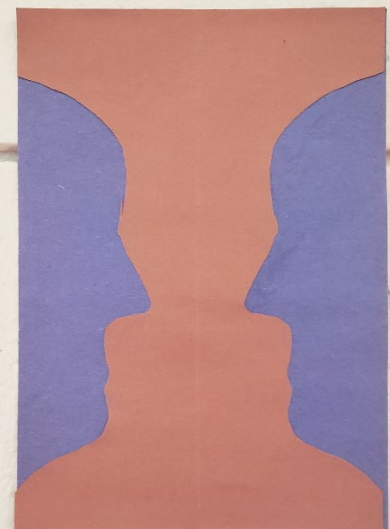
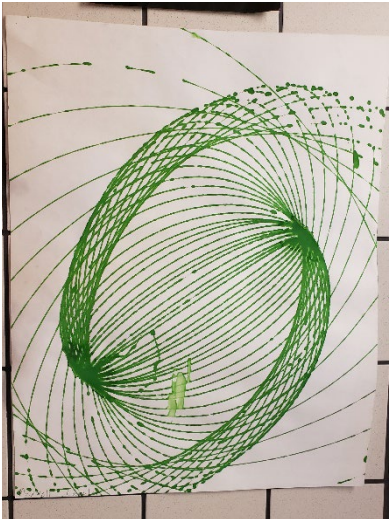
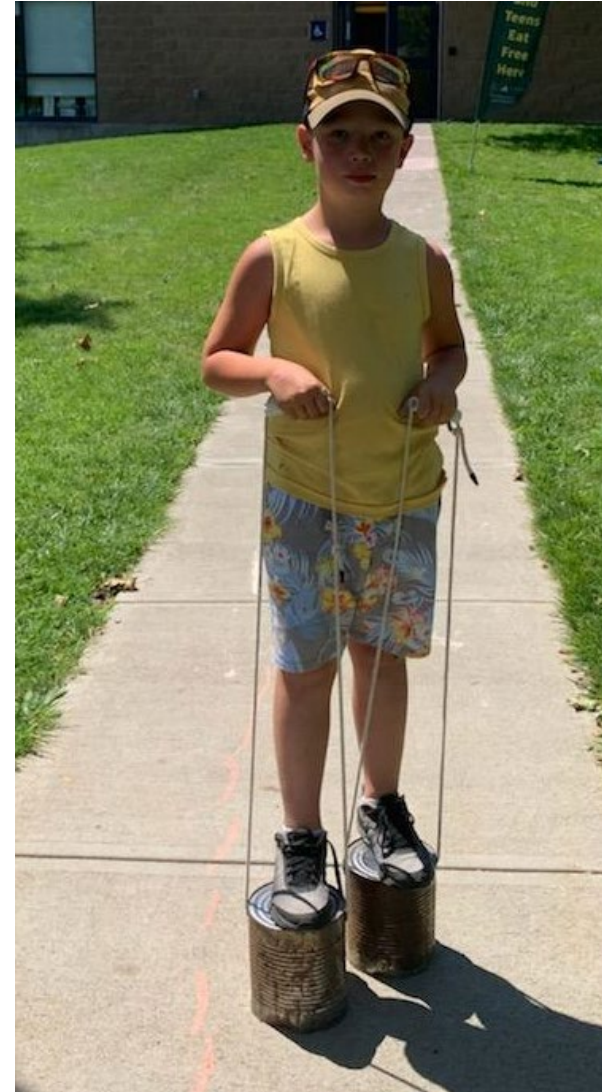
We have implemented more programming to specifically deal with Social Emotional Learning and extended tutoring hours for students that need it.

Out of School Time Programs like Reach are even more important now than they were before Covid.

Summer Program



We served 60 students/45 Families last summer in a 6 week program that ran from July to August. Summer of 2021 we were in person.



Past activities

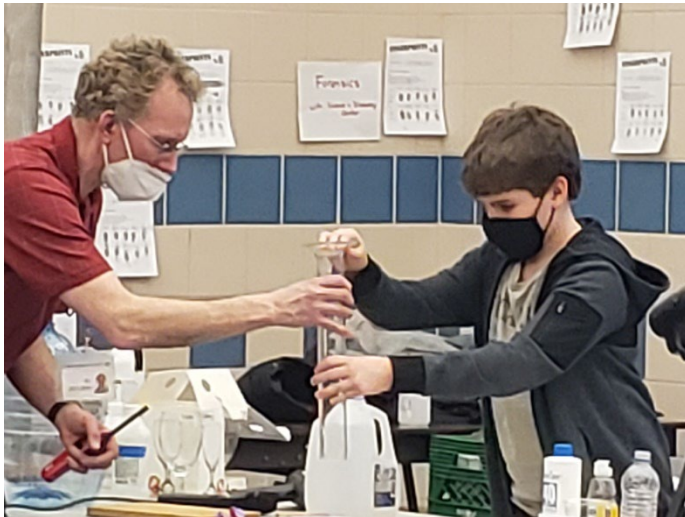
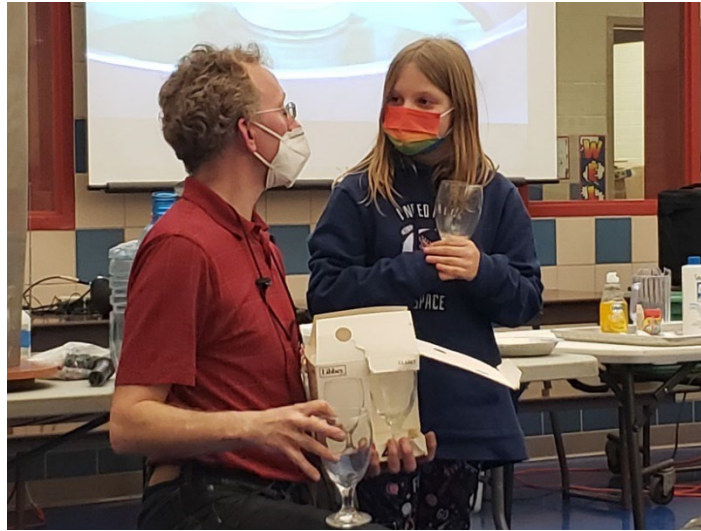
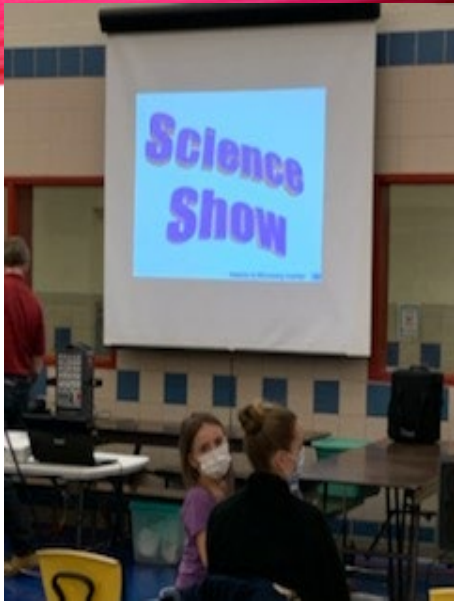


Watkins Glen Reach

Family Night Science Show

February 2nd, 2022

We had
39 Family
Members
attend!



Current Activities

Learning to Draw



Science & Discovery -
Forensics



Spanish Culture

Composting &
Recycling



Future of program



June 30, 2022 marks the end of a 5-year grant cycle.



We have submitted a proposal in response to NYS Dept. of Education's RFP (Request for Funding Proposal).

The grant proposal is very similar to our current one. It does add Elmira City Schools to our consortium and includes only grades 3 - 6.

We could hear about whether or not we are funded anytime between March and June.