

NYS AFCSE Meeting - October 22, 2019

Location:

Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School
Croton-Harmon School District
Croton, NY 10520

In Attendance: Alice Holzmann, Carol King, Marybeth Mathews, Kathy Croft, Ann Sichi, Caroline Quintin (Agriculture Teacher from Pawling), Christina Connors (Lakeland Cooper Beech Middle School)

Call to Order at 4:00

Presenters:

Amanda Birdsall (Living Environment)
Jocelyn Fontana (FACS Educator)

Jocelyn and Amanda shared extensive information with us regarding their experience with the Tower Garden aeroponic growing system including:

- *grant writing resources and strategies
- *history of the Tower Garden
- *uses of the Tower Garden
- *lesson plans and resources to use with the Tower Garden
- *how to co-teach and/or do interdisciplinary projects with the Tower Garden

Also: Stonykill Farm in Walkill provides free garden tours.

Business Meeting with Mary Beth:

- *Brain lessons with Jello-molds, popcorn balls, potato gnocchi
 - **"A Very Cool Assessment Tool" by Dawn Mastroianni was presented to us.
- There is a lot of great information on the website regarding rubric generator tools.
<https://nyctecenter.org/instruction/middle-level-cte>

From NYS:

There are standard updates that will impact FACS
Next-Generation Science Standards
New Arts Standards
New Career and Financial Management Framework
New Physical Education Standards
So many changes!

Meeting Ended: 6:00