AQIP Green Initiatives/Recycling Action Project Team  
June 27, 2013

Present: Steve Robinson, Dale Weighill, Larry Juchartz, Lisa Poma, Jody Michael, Carri Farah, Laura Tripp, Desiree Londrigan and Becky Gale-Gonzalez

Absent: Wendell Brandon, Ken Martin, Dave Rembiesa, and Chuck Wade

Welcome: Lisa opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 26, 2013 meeting were distributed and approved as published.

Michigan Recycling Coalition Conference Overview: Becky shared information from the MRCC conference that she attended back in May in Bay City. Tim Broomfield also attended the conference. She was very excited about many of the things she learned and here are just a few that she highlighted:

- Do not pay for contracts to remove trash from your facility.
- Begin the process of knowing what’s possible in recycling.
- Set a goal of zero landfill.
- New ad campaign for “Recycle Michigan” will be launching soon.

Survey/Email to Leadership Team: At Dale Weighill’s suggestion this will be postponed until the fall semester. There were suggestions that the survey also be announced at the Fall Employee Kick-off Breakfast.

Site Visit to Washtenaw Community College Overview: Lisa Poma and others gave an overview of their recent site visit to Washtenaw Community College’s recycling program and meeting with Barry Wilkins, Recycling Manager. Lisa started out by saying “wow”. The group that visited WCC said that everything they learned about was impressive. Some of the highlights were:

- Compost Cooker (for food waste)
- Paper Bailer
- Cardboard Bailer
- Waste Compactor
- The Recycling Mania Contest
- Cost Savings
- Revenue Stream
- Learning waste streams
- Waste Stream Audit

WCC has a department for recycling with a very small staff of about 3 people (some are part-time and/or student workers). There was a lot of discussion about the recycling program at WCC and thoughts about what parts of their program could be used at Mott and the recommendation for EC.
**Next Steps:** How can we use information from Washtenaw Community College and put it into a recommendation? Lisa suggested a Google Doc that team members could add to throughout the summer. Becky will set-up the document for the team.

**Next Meeting:** No meetings for the rest of the summer. The next meeting will be **Thursday, September 19 at 12:00 noon** in the CTL area.