Ways to Engage
Minnesota Schoolyard Garden Coalition (MNSGC)

**MNSGC Partner**
- Attend Annual MNSGC Conference
- Attend regular MNSGC networking events
- Sign up for MNSGC email list
- Follow and contribute to MNSGC Facebook page
- Stay connected to school garden work in your area!

**TIME COMMITMENT:**
- At least 2 days, annually

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**MNSGC Member**
- Attend and contribute to Quarterly MNSGC meetings
- Attend and provide day-of support at MNSGC annual conference
- Attend regular MNSGC networking events
- Stay connected to school garden work in your area!
- Consider participating or providing leadership as a co-chair in a work group

**TIME COMMITMENT:**
- At least 2 hours, quarterly

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**Communications**
- Recruit stakeholders to become a partner or member of MNSGC, including school teachers, administrative staff, district leaders, etc..
- Actively reach out to all sectors of the state so the coalition reflects the full diversity of MN
- Maintain and market coalition through Google Site and Facebook page
- Coordinate regular networking events, such as field trips, presentations, webinars
- Provide regular updates, including at quarterly meetings

**TIME COMMITMENT:** 2-3 hours, monthly

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**Conference Planning**
- Plan yearly conference logistics and contents, including workshops, keynotes, presentations, poster sessions, etc..
- Include MNSGC 101 workshop in every conference
- Provide regular updates, including at quarterly meetings

**TIME COMMITMENT:** 2-3 hours, monthly

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**Resource Hub**
- Conduct needs assessment to determine relevant areas of need
- Identify and share high quality resources with emerging and established school gardens to support their longevity and success
- Manage resource hub on MNSGC Google Site
- Resources Include: School garden workshops, trainings, curriculum, grant and scholarship opportunities, etc..
- Provide regular updates, including at quarterly meetings

**TIME COMMITMENT:** 3-4 hours, monthly

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**MNSGC Stewardship Team**
- Work with a cross-sector team to provide operational and leadership support for MNSGC
- Ensure action-orientation and mission alignment
- Plan and facilitate quarterly meetings
- Serve as decision making body of coalition

**Current Team Includes:** Uli Koester, Terri Swartout, Brian Wheat, and Bonnie Lohman

**TIME COMMITMENT:** 3-4 hours, monthly

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- Establish regular communication with and between work groups
- Ensure at least one teacher on Stewardship Team at all times
- Implement emerging task forces such as funding hunters for coalition needs and strategic planning, as necessary.
- Serve a 2 year term