

**HEALTHY AND GREEN  
SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 24, 2015**



1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Superintendent Babb  
**Present:** Terri Allison, Amelia Ayala(VHS), Bella Bobrow(FTHS), Mary Cox, David Goldstein, Mary Haffner, Justin Hong( BHS), Todd Jespersen, Julie Judd, Angie Marin, Dave Marshall, Chris Massa, Nancy Maxson, Kara Muniz, Joe Richards, Richard Saint, Jill Santos, Deby Tygell, Kristie Wallace and Michael York

2. **SCHOOLSITE UPDATES FROM OUR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Justin Hong of BHS, filling in for Lauren Zaragoza, shared information regarding the worm composting planned at BHS. At the dia de los muertos event at Buena, there will be a time to celebrate the garden.

Bella Bobrow from FTTHS shared that they had their first environmental club meeting where they had over 45 students attend. They will be planning some recycling drives, beach cleanup days and restoration projects on the Channel Islands.

Amelia Ayala of VHS is president of the Global Warming Action Team (GWAT) shared they will plan some recycling events at the school.

3. **SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE OF GOALS**

- **Reducing Waste/Environmental Education - Jill Santos/Mary Haffner**  
Jill shared some updates at the school with the lunchtime recycling program. Milk cartons are being recycled and milk being dumped. Jill will share a report of what was accomplished last year. This year Environmental Education has added Lauren Spence to the team.  
\*\*The annual custodial training is scheduled during October break.
- **Health and Wellness Update – Kara Muniz/Katherine Martin/Nancy Maxson**  
No update at this time.
- **Integrated Pest Management – Richard Saint**  
The IPM plan is on the district website as of Jan. 2015. The gopher treatment is going well and the PERC machine is a great success on getting a handle on the gopher problem at the school sites. Ants continue to be a problem. They are looking for water and they are placing enclosed bait stations in the attics and crawl spaces and trash enclosures. They need to be changed weekly and this is an improvement from previous bait systems making it easier to maintain. Additionally, all tree trimming done within the district the trimmings are

ground into wood chips and mulch which reduces the water evaporation by 70%. Overall Districtwide, we have reduced water use by 50% by removing turf (70,000 square feet) and replacing with drought tolerant plants and mulch.

- **Sustainability in Construction – Terri Allison**

The portables on sites have been replaced with modular units on concrete slabs, good roof and the implementation of solar tubes to reduce electrical use and classrooms with cross ventilation for cooling.

- **Energy Conservation - Joe Richards/Dave Marshall**

Large lighting projects going on at 9 sites, Loma Vista Elementary, Balboa and DATA Middle Schools, Buena, Foothill, Pacific, El Camino @VC and Ventura High Schools. Project costs are a little over \$1,000,000 (leftover from Bond proceeds) Total first year savings is about \$190,000 which includes maintenance. There is a 5-7 year warranty on lamps and ballast, so if anything goes wrong they will be warrantied at no cost. This project has a 5.5 year payback and does not include Edison Company rebates! (*presentation included*)

Prop 39 funds involve K-12 schools along with the Community College System. These funds are used for energy savings issues and we get about \$150, 000 per year for a five year period and we are in year 3. HVAC upgrades planned at Buena, Foothill and Ventura High Schools, Ventura Adult & Cont. Education and the Education Service Center. (*More detailed information shared at the next meeting*)

The VUSD Payroll Department has begun emailing electronic paystubs to all employees at the TTA Education Service Center to start and plan to roll it out districtwide to over 1200 employees to cut down on paper use and printing.

- **Environmental Preferable Purchasing - Mary Cox**

No updates at this time.

- **Topics for Future meetings:**

- HVAC upgrade next time (more detailed)
- Data regarding different districts who are using solar energy and how that is working out for them? Are we ready for Solar Energy in VUSD?

#### **4. Meeting Dates for the 2015-16 School Year: SAVE THE DATES!**

*January 28, March 24, May 26, 2016*