



## HEALTHY & GREEN SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Minutes

February 7, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Albert Einstein Room



### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Superintendent Dave Creswell

**PRESENT:** Dave Creswell, Anna Flores (BHS), Betsy George, Matt Godfrey, David Goldstein, Todd Jespersen, Brandon Kaysen, Angie Marin, Dave Marshall, Chris Massa, Haili Matsukawa, Michael Montanez, Joe Richards, Richard Saint, Vineta Sonders (FTHS), Kurt Sowa, Lucia Marquez and Kristie Wallace

### 2. CLEANING OF THE SITES AFTER THE THOMAS FIRE:

Eric Reynolds gave a special presentation to the committee regarding the cleaning of VUSD after the December 4 Thomas Fire. **12/5** the first of many, many meetings to come. Some of the concerns after the fire that seriously impacted the re-opening of school: power, water, air quality, mandatory evacuation zones, employees at the sites evacuated and not in town, evaluation and cleaning of the site, etc. **12/6** meet with Industrial Hygienist clean all filters at all sites, plan to re-open on 12/12. **12/8** another mtg at the TTA ESC with Industrial Hygienist. **12/11** visited 4 sites severely impacted by the fire. **12/14** met with Service Master criterion of the facility, HVAC and insulation. **12/14-12/16** tour and "rank" all sites with the Industrial Hygienist to determine the scope" 0 to 3 ratings". "3" being the worst. **12/17-1/7** Clean all sites: Interior: wipe, heap-vac, air scrubbing, Exterior: vacuum, Removal of the top 3 inches of sand all sites Clean the stadiums, pools and pool areas. **1/8-26** Address complaints remaining issues- ESC with the continued smoke smell and pressure washing.

An eye opening overview of the work completed: **31, 687.75 hours of cleaning, 285 yards of dirt/sand removed** and replaced, **1,857,184 square feet of interior space cleaned** and **341.5 total acres of grounds completed**.

### 3. SCHOOLSITE UPDATES FROM OUR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

#### Buena, El Camino, Foothill and Ventura High Schools

**BHS Student Rep**, Anna Flores shared that they have been working on cleaning up of the school garden. They are removing the old plants and weeds in preparation of a low maintenance garden. They currently have a recycling program running that is going very well.

**Foothill HS Student Rep**, Vineta Sonders, shared after the Thomas fire their organization partnered with Skating Plus to hold a fundraiser where all the proceeds went to the 22 families displaced at FTHS. They had over 400 show up for the fundraiser and they raised \$3,600. Another Hydration station was installed at FTHS. There will be up to two hydration stations installed at all school sites in accessible areas.

They are also working with Surf Rider Organization and Blue Water Task Force to collect water specimens at 6-7 beaches in Ventura. They have been given an incubator to use to process the water and they will track the data to an online data base.

They have also been contacted by the Ventura Botanical Garden to volunteer along with Ventura HS and 4H to help seed the hillside surrounding the botanical garden with poppies.

**Ventura HS Rep**, shared that their environmental club is looking at some Community Volunteer Opportunities with the Ventura Botanical Garden and helping to collect recycling. Chris Massa of the FNS dept. shared that he was working on a Grant to get approximately \$1200 per school site to purchase plants for the future planting projects. Please contact Chris at [chris.massa@venturausd.org](mailto:chris.massa@venturausd.org)

#### **4. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS - GOALS AND UPDATES**

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

Dave Marshall reported the District is still using the remaining funds from Prop 39. They are in the fourth of a five year plan. Some of the funds went to HVAC at 12 different school sites, the remaining funds will go to the conversion to LED districtwide. We currently are working with a solar consultant, not associated with any Company, regarding our next steps with Solar Energy. December 1, So Cal Edison offered solar energy rebates if we applied by December 20. The Thomas Fire hit December 4 and we were buried with work. Edison did extend the application date deadline and we are now qualified to those rebates if and when we decide. We will bring this back again to the next Green Schools Meeting (March 15) after Dave and Joe meet and go over the rebate possibilities. Rebates are good until 2027. A Solar feasibility study being done at all sites and they are finishing the analysis soon and we should have a review of the sites by the next Green Schools meeting to share out to you. On March 13 and 14, 2018 there is a solar workshop is being offered to the community and businesses, more info at [cleanenergy805.org](http://cleanenergy805.org)

- **Reducing Waste/Environmental Education – Courtney Lindberg/Brandon Kaysen/Hali Matsukawa/Mary Haffner**

Brandon shared that they are kicking off the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Green School Awards, which in the past has awarded schools for their previous projects done. This year they are looking at future sustainable projects. He will get the information to all principals. There is a monetary award that goes along with this to help them pay for the proposed project. The city also has free recycle bins for whoever wants. For the school sites they have compost bins, worm boxes and rain barrels for free (limit one to each site). He can be contacted also to serve as a recycle coach. He has begun a waste audit at Balboa MS and it is a really big project. He will update us on its progress at the next H & G Schools meeting. Brandon is also interested in assisting the sites with an Adopt a Blog project. Contact him at [bkaysen@cityofventura.net](mailto:bkaysen@cityofventura.net)

- **Health and Wellness Update – Kara Muniz/Ann Marie Bidlingmaier**  
Chris Massa reported out on behalf of Kara Muniz. The USDA has new requirements for the District Wellness Policy. Our current policy is strong but we need to make a few updates. We need Admin approval to have school official's review and suggest and make the necessary changes. Chris Massa along with Ann Marie Bidlingmaier are interested in taking the lead. Joe Richards gave Chris the approval to lead the revisions. Contact Chris [Chris.massa@venturausd.org](mailto:Chris.massa@venturausd.org) with suggestions.
- **Integrated Pest Management – Richard Saint/Michael Montanez**  
Rich Saint updated the committee with past practices and progress. We have seen a sizeable increase in rodents due to the fire and their evacuation to us, so we are working hard on that. Gasoline blowers have been banned in the City of Ventura.
- **Environmental Preferable Purchasing – No report at this time.**

**FUTURE MEETING DATES:**

Please save the future meeting dates below on your calendar.

- March 15, 2018
- May 24, 2018