



HEALTHY & GREEN SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Minutes

January 26, 2017

4:00 p.m.

Albert Einstein Room



PRESENT: Michael Babb, Bella Bobrow, Mary Cox, Betsy George, Hector Guerrero, Josiah Guzick, Mary Haffner, Lynn Harrison, Todd Jespersen, Brandon Kaysen, Courtney Lindberg, Sierra Manske, Dave Marshall, Chris Massa, Haili Matsukawa, Alexa Ramirez, Joe Richards, Richard Saint and Kristie Wallace

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Dr. Michael Babb**
- 2. SCHOOLSITE UPDATES FROM OUR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**
Buena, El Camino, Foothill and Ventura High Schools

Buena, El Camino, Foothill and Ventura High Schools are working together with the Cheryl Heitmann and Cheryl Weir of the City of Ventura to meet and work on "I Matter" Action plan. They also presented this campaign at a previous City Council meeting. Foothill HS is working primarily on their garden. They have acquired a picnic table for the garden area and are gearing up for Earth Day plans.

Buena HS is working on "I matter" also and they plan to work in a Smart Scape during the 2nd semester. They don't have much money and will be fundraising by selling water containers. Mr. Richards encouraged the BHS students to connect with Richard Saint in the Facilities Dept. to assist with Smart Scape ideas and plans. The District may already be planning to work on certain areas so the school sites are encouraged to stay in touch with the District on their projected plans. Every year they plan an Earth Day fundraiser concert with small local bands.

- 3. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS -GOALS AND UPDATES** – Take a good look at the goal sheets sent out in October 2016.

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

Introduction of Brandon Kaysen, Dept. of Environmental Sustainability and Hali Matsukawa, Ventura Water, both of the City of Ventura Educational Outreach Program. They will work together to develop curriculum, fieldtrips and other services for the school sites. The below subject categories are topics for discussion for classroom presentations.

Subject Categories

Env. Sustainability

- Recycling
- Waste Reduction
- Stormwater
- Endangered Species
- Energy
- Air Quality
- Natural Resources
- Green Building
- Life Cycle
- Carbon Footprint

Ventura Water

- Water Quality
- Water Conservation
- Watershed
- Water Recycling
- Water Cycle
- Water Technologies

Both

- Careers
- Projects
- Internships
- Panel

Haili and Brandon have accomplished the following updates since they came on board.

Updates

1. Aligning curriculum with NGSS - Bret Klopfenstein
2. Meeting with Principals (Elementary)
3. Meeting with Key Stakeholders (MS & HS)
4. Developing Curriculum (K-5)
5. Reviewing Waste & Recycling Infrastructure
6. Identifying Internship Opportunities
7. Preparing for Public Outreach Events

Their plans for the 2017-18 school year:

A presentation slide titled "Service Offering (Fall 2017)" with a green header and footer. The main content is a bulleted list of services for Elementary (K-5), Middle School, and High School levels.

Service Offering (Fall 2017)

- Elementary (K-5)
 - 30 – 60 minute guest presentations for each grade
 - Curriculum for both Environmental Sustainability and Water
 - Aligned with NGSS to support teachers
- Middle School
 - Course-Specific presentations
 - Targeting science and environmentally-focused teachers (STEM)
- High School
 - Career Talks
 - Project Support – Targeting AP Env. Science
 - Internships to support with internal functions and curriculum
 - Technical audits (energy, water & waste)
 - Community Service Hours

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- **Energy Conservation - Joe Richards/Dave Marshall**
VUSD will be looking at solar feasibility. Mr. Richards stated we need to do what is right for VUSD and we are looking for consultants to evaluate our District situation. VCREA and Energy Network were mentioned. We will prepare information for the Board of Ed. to review. The second portion of Prop 39 funds will be used to redo the lighting at the ESC.
- **Health and Wellness Update – Kara Muniz/Ann Marie Bidlingmaier**
No report at this time.
- **Integrated Pest Management – Richard Saint**
IPM Committee meets every 2-3 months. Using a steam machine to kill the weeds. Gopher control continues to go well with the PERC machine. Rich Saint is looking for a Parent rep to serve on this committee, any ideas or suggestions let Rich know.
- **Environmental Preferable Purchasing - Mary Cox**
Saticoy, Elmhurst, Buena and Ventura High schools are trying out some new ergonomic furniture for possible future purchase, with low VOC's.

4. COMMUNITY UPDATES:

- **Mayor's Challenge** - go to mywaterpledge.com register today!
- **Keep CA Beautiful** - Statewide Recycling Challenge in March
- **Merito Foundation** –
 - Field Trip: Ventura Water Reclamation Facility
 - Bird Identification
 - Water Quality Testing
 - Wastewater Facility Tour
 - MERITO Water Challenge

5. NEXT MEETING DATE: March 9, 2017

Future dates: May 25, 2017