



**HEALTHY AND GREEN
SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP
MINUTES**

October 6, 2016

4:00 p.m.

Albert Einstein Room



PRESENT: Michael Babb, Ann Marie Bidlingmaier, Bella Bobrow, Brian Brennan, Mary Cox, Tessa Gallagher, Josiah Guzick, Mary Haffner, Lynn Harrison, Courtney Lindberg, Sierra Manske, Angie Marin, Dave Marshall, Chris Massa, Kara Muniz, Alexa Ramirez, Joe Richards, Deby Tygell, Kristie Wallace, Michael York, Lauren Zaragoza

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Dr. Michael Babb

2. SCHOOLSITE UPDATES FROM OUR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES- Buena, El Camino, Foothill and Ventura High Schools

Buena Student Rep, Alexa Ramirez, they are just getting started and will report more next time.

El Camino Student Rep, Sierra Manske, shared they are just getting started. More to report next time

Foothill Student Rep, Bella Bobrow, shared they have held 4 meetings to date as they meet weekly, they have planted a garden started a compost program, [planning various volunteer projects (river and beach cleanups) The Club donate ½ of what they grow in the garden to the cafeteria for lunch. They are 70 members strong and average 40 per meeting.

Ventura Student Rep, Tessa Gallagher, shared she is the treasurer of the GWAT club and they have held two meetings to date. They are fundraising for the Hillside Conservancy and raised \$3000.

The Students were asked if they had goals of what they want to accomplish this year on the committee. They shared they would like clarification as to the separation of trash. What goes into what bins. Lynn Harrison said he would be happy to have the School environmental clubs tour Harrison Trash Facility and they can contact him lynnh@ejharrison.com Lynn was also asked to bring the Harrison Green Flash to future meetings to be shared with their clubs, school sites and the District.

Another concern the students had was the possible over use of sprinklers. The Students were asked to contact Richard Saint in VUSD Facilities to come a peak to their clubs on water conservation in the District. richard.saint@venturausd.org

3. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS -GOALS AND UPDATES – *Take a good look at the goal sheet*

- **Energy Conservation - Joe Richards/Dave Marshall**
Solar?
- **Reducing Waste/Environmental Education – Courtney Lindberg/Mary Haffner**
Courtney Lindberg, the Environmental Sustainability Supervisor/City of Ventura Public Works shared that she could provide more recycling containers, as many as we need. Contact her at clindberg@cityofventura.net Courtney said she will be working with the new hires to get goals set for what they plan to accomplish this year in our schools.
- **Health and Wellness Update – Kara Muniz/Ann Marie Bidlingmaier**
They would like to look at the Wellness policy. FNS is working on a nutrition presentation. Also plans to post Wellness policy in all utility rooms.
- **Integrated Pest Management – Richard Saint**
- **Environmental Preferable Purchasing - Mary Cox**
Mary Cox, director of purchasing, shared that they will have two pilot classrooms at Elmhurst and ATLAS testing new types of furniture, so as we replace old furniture we will have a better idea of what works best for new learning environments.

Dr. Babb went through the goal sheet with the committee and Kristie was asked to send it out to the Committee at large for review and planning future goals in the 2016-17 school year. Mary Haffner brought up the possibility of having solar in our District and said “It doesn’t have to be all or nothing.” Past data has shown that it is not the most efficient use of funds. (\$20-50 million). The District will get more info to see what the data says now.

The committee shared with the new members some of the things we have done over the years to green up our district.

4. PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF VENTURA – Courtney Lindberg *What’s ahead in the 2016-17 School year*

Courtney shared that the City of Ventura has hired two very qualified employees who will focus on water conservation and environmental education. They should be on board by December. She also said that they will be able to complete the middle and high school lunchtime recycling program that has been completed and in effect at all elementary schools.

5. UPDATE ON SALAD BAR FARMS AT BALBOA MIDDLE SCHOOL - Chris Masa

Chris Masa shared with the committee the progress made at the Salad Bar Farms located on the Balboa MS campus. He has put in 270 hours with a total cost to date including water of \$3,737.11. He has used only 1700 gallons of water. The average person in the U.S. uses 80-100 gallons a day. The student participation has been great. He will start his first harvest next week. Students are welcome to come out to the farm every day from 3- 4:30 p.m. to assist with the garden tasks.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE: January 26, 2017

Future dates: March 9 and May 25, 2017