

Santa Cruz City Schools  
GREEN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE  
Meeting of 5/10/16

Minutes

Call to Order

Asst. Superintendent Jim Monreal called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. in the Harbor High Library.

Attendance at Meeting:

Elida Erickson, UCSC  
Felicia Van Stolk, Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History  
Jeremy Shonick, SCCS Trustee  
Jessica Missaghian, Santa Cruz City Water Dept.  
Jim Monreal, Asst. Supt., Business Services  
Joanne Brown, Alternative Family Education  
Ken Wagman, Santa Cruz Community  
Mark Thomas, Branciforte Small Schools, GSCFT  
Melissa Ott, UCSC  
Stacey Falls, Santa Cruz High School, Global Students Embassy  
Stuart Branoff, Bay View  
Trevor Miller, Facility Services

Welcome and Introductions

Jim Monreal welcomed attendees to the meeting and invited all to introduce themselves to the group.

Minutes of GSC Meeting of 4/12/16

The minutes of the last GSC meeting were reviewed and were approved unanimously. (M/S/P, Thomas/Falls).

SCCS Update

Asst. Supt. Jim Monreal reported that a new Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services has been hired. Frank Wells will replace Angela Meeker, who has accepted the position of Principal at Delta Charter School. Jim announced that he will leave the SCCS District effective 6/30/16, for a position close to his home.

Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

A new committee has been formed to help with the transition to NGSS over the next two to three years. Heather Murphy is the science curriculum coach for grades 9-12. Stacey Falls spoke about the need for an earth science class at Santa Cruz High School.

Proposition 39

Trevor Miller, Facilities Director, explained this program is focused on projects to find energy savings in schools. Climatec was the vendor selected to manage Prop 39 projects. The first project will be to replace all the fluorescent light fixtures in gyms with LED fixtures, which should last 7-10 years. Other plans include building automation, indoor/outdoor lighting, and smart irrigation. Potential savings

are estimated at \$100,000 for the first year, and closer to \$500,000 in total. We are trying to avoid changing things that might later be renovated under the Long Range Master Facility Plan.

DROPS Water Conservation Grant – Bay View Elementary

Trevor reported that the District is still awaiting the approved contract from the State. A civil engineer and landscape architect have done some preliminary work that doesn't require State approval.

Jessica Missaghian, Santa Cruz City Water Dept.

Jessica informed that she is the main contact for the watershed studies program. City water is committed to fully funding the program again this year. Jessica has set appointments with the Educational Services staff.

Felicia Van Stolk, Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History

Felicia spoke about educational programs offered by the Museum, including trips for elementary students to area wetlands and to Pogonip. A stewards program is working near the Museum in the adjacent park. She is surveying teachers to align kits for classrooms to NGSS.

Elida Erickson & Melissa Ott - UCSC

Elida and Melissa spoke about grants which are funding projects at UCSC and by UC students. A system-wide goal for UCSC is the carbon neutrality initiative. The UCSC provost is supporting a global food initiative. A campus sustainability plan in many areas is being worked on. UCSC graduates have developed tools for energy assessment and planning.

Ecology Action

Bike to School Day will be held on Friday, 5/13/16.

US Green Building Council

The Green Day of Service will happen on 9/24/16. Rain catchment equipment will be installed at Branciforte Small Schools and at Bay View. Stu Branoff said the Green Day of Service at Bay View will have volunteers working in the Lifelab.

Global Students Embassy

Stacey Falls reported that GSE is getting accredited to offer a student leadership program, for which students would receive school credit. Would the District allow him to teach classes as part of Stacey's curriculum at SCHS, or after school or at lunch? GSE is leading a trip to Ecuador for Harbor students. Soquel High students will travel to Panama. At SCHS, UCSC volunteers are helping with building a fence. GSE won the Eddy awards at all three high schools.

Draft Green Schools Report

Jim requested that members provide him with any ideas to include in the report by the next Monday.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

Business Services

Jim Monreal  
Asst. Superintendent, Business Services