

Santa Cruz City Schools
GREEN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE
Meeting of 11/12/2020
Minutes

Attendance at Meeting:

- Dorothee Ledbetter-AFE Teacher
- Jim Monreal-SCCS Asst. Supt. Business Services
- Stu Branoff-Bay View Teacher
- Tiffany Wise-West-City of Santa Cruz Climate Action Program
- Pauline Seales-City of Santa Cruz Waste Reduction
- Cayley Soon-City of Santa Cruz Waste Reduction
- Elnora Lewis-Harbor High Recycle Club
- Chris Soriano-Museum of Natural History
- Amy Hedrick-Farr-SCCS Food Service Director
- Trevor Miller-SCCS Facility Services Director
- Jeremy Shonick-SCCS Trustee
- Christina Horvat-Santa Cruz County-
- Mary Ann LoBalbo-Santa Cruz County
- Lexi Daoussis- Fellow- -City of Santa Cruz Climate Action Program
- Amy Hedrick-Farr, SCCS Food Services Director
- Trevor Miller, SCCS Facility Services Director

Unable to attend:

- Leslie O'Malley-City of Santa Cruz Waste Reduction
- Zeke Bean
- Amity Sandage-Santa Cruz County Office of Education
- Dan Lazarus-Santa Cruz County Parks
- Keresha Durham-AFE Teacher

Call to Order

Assistant Superintendent Jim Monreal called the Green Schools Committee meeting to order at 4:30pm via the Zoom platform. He welcomed all attendees.

5/21/20 Meeting Minutes

Tiffany Wise and Amy Hedrick Members moved to approve the draft minutes of the 05/21/20 Green Schools Committee meeting. Chris Soriano requested a correction to the section on the Earth Stewards program through the Natural History Museum, to reflect that the program is run jointly with the Santa Cruz City Parks. Jeremy Shonick moved approval and Joanne Brown seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with this correction.

Update from High Recycle Club (Elnora Lewis):

- Remind students and parents to recycle.

Update from Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History (Chris Soriano):

Chris shared websites available for the community to utilize.

- **Saturdays in the Soil-** It's time to get your hands dirty! We're excited to relaunch *Saturdays in the Soil*, a monthly volunteer program in our native plant garden. Learn about local ecology, native plants, and sustainable gardening while coming together as a community (in a physically distanced manner!) to steward Tyrrell Park through the City's Adopt-A-Park program. Volunteer opportunity: Saturdays in the Soil <https://www.santacruzmuseum.org/11-21-saturdays-in-the-soil/>
- **2020 Vision-** Opening in January 2021, **2020 Vision** is a community-sourced photography exhibition that will tell the story of this past year through the lens of the natural phenomena that have impacted Santa Cruz County in 2020. 2020 Vision Photo Exhibit <https://www.santacruzmuseum.org/call-for-entries-2020-vision/>
- **Camps that connect kids to nature!** Through exploration, experimentation, and experiences outdoors the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History hopes to inspire future scientists. Join us to discover a passion for nature, learning, and community. All Nature Explorers camps connect campers to their environment in fun and exciting ways that engage their natural sense of curiosity while supporting academic success. Nature Explorers Winter Camp <https://www.santacruzmuseum.org/camp/>

Update from City of Santa Cruz Waste Reduction (Cayley Soon):

- Reduce non essential items in lunches. (example napkin)
- Video: Recycle Right! to Avoid Contamination- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2l-hzltxYo>
 - City of Santa Cruz main page with links to videos- <https://www.cityofsantacruz.com/government/city-departments/public-works/resource-recovery-garbage-recycling-sweeping/recycling-and-waste-reduction>

Update from Alternative Family Education (Dorothee Ledbetter):

- No update at this time

Update from Youth for Climate Justice (Pauline Seales)

- Online Climate Lesson (Hyperdocs formats)-Climate Problems, Data, and Solutions
- Youth Climate Justice- concerned about getting the schools to reduce greenhouse gases. Get information from power bills. Energy used for school buildings and transportation

Update from SC City (Tiffany Wise-West)

- Climate Action Plan 2020 sunsets this year. Developing a target carbon neutrality 2030-2045 over the next year or so. Reviewed the process and phases. Working with the various stakeholders on creating surveys. Our climate action plan 2030 process is starting soon and we have 2 teen interns we are working with to connect us to Harbor and Santa Cruz High. We also hope to connect to the Countywide youth climate effort. Amity Sandage is leading through these teens. There will be a lot of opportunity over the next year or so for youth participation in this climate action plan process. We are interested in involving youth in flexible ways in our plan process. Our teen interns also have individual projects, one focused on biodiversity and the other forming youth climate exchanges with our sister cities of Shingu Japan and Sestri, Italy.
- Create flexible ways to encourage youth to participate in the program.
- Launching a youth T-Shirt design contest for logos and work with the schools.
- Working with Pauline and others to increase youth participation.
- Community Workshop on November 17, 2020, to be part of the coastal planning process.
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/13VC-BKvWd2GIJKxUiyatdp-8t2yLT2x/view?usp=sharing>

- <https://www.cityofsantacruz.com/government/city-departments/city-manager/climate-action-program/west-cliff-drive-adaptation-and-management-plan>
- In the meantime on the climate adaptation side of things, the Climate Action Program has a community meeting calendared on 11/7 in spanish and english. It will focus on recommended projects and policies for coastal management in the face of climate change. We encourage everyone's participation in this interactive workshop. This culminates a nearly 2 year process where SC High's Interact Club and Loudon Nelson teen center youth were involved as earlier stakeholder groups. There are some very interactive and cool bilingual products we have produced that youth and teachers might find interesting and useful to plug into curriculum: coastal hazard and solution "storymaps" as well as virtual reality sea level rise explorer online and mobile phone apps. See below for links...Please check them out and join us on 11/17. I've attached a social media image that can also be used for newsletters if anyone is interested in sharing!
- **Review the Storymaps + Take the Survey! ¡Revise los mapas de cada ubicación y Responda a la encuesta!**

English:

- [Main & Cowell](#)
- [Landing page with all 7 coastal locations](#)

Español:

- [Main & Cowell](#)
- [Los 7 sitios costeros](#)

County of Santa Cruz- Christina Horvat and Mary Ann LoBalbo

- CCRMC- Media Coalition.
 - Food Waste reduction removes methane gases and would reduce garbage waste by 40% (savings to the district)
- Transportation- District delivers the food to families. Reduces families from driving to the various school sites.

Update from Food Services – Amy Hedrick-Farr

- Amy mentioned they have been doing community feeding since March 2020.
- 2 day services on Tuesday and Friday. Deliver multiple meals on those days.
- Transitioned to biodegradable packaging.

Santa Cruz City Schools Update

- SCCS secured a second electric bus. Pending the delivery dates
- Moving away from the large vehicles and transitioning to smaller transit vans. Currently have 5 transit vans. Looking into electric trucks, but the price is around \$75k compared to \$30k.
- Facility Services Director Trevor Miller provided updates on District bond projects currently underway.
- Transitioning to greener cleaning materials

Jeremy Shonick-SCCS Trustee

- Interested in charging stations for SCCS sites. Trevor confirmed the items will cost the district, but continues to look into options.
- Carbon emissions have reduced since the pandemic, so how can SCCS continue moving this forward.

- Paper usage- suggests making a goal to reduce paper usage as a goal and present it to the board.

Meetings for 2020-21 Year:

Thursday November 12, 2020

Thursday January 7, 2021

Thursday April 8, 2021

Adjournment

Asst. Supt. Jim Monreal thanked Committee Members for their participation and contributions, which are much appreciated. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jory Berdan
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Business Services

Jim Monreal
Assistant Superintendent
Business Services