



Superintendent's Advisory Council on Sustainability

Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2026
Kelly Leadership Center, Room 2011

Meeting Outcome:

Members will review past recommendations and identify new ideas to recommend to the Superintendent.

Members in Attendance:

Eric Fagerholm	Golnaz Hamedani	Jennifer Heilen	Kristy Jones	Karen Juarez
Jessica Oswalt	Sarah Plumitallo	Jennifer Reed	Cecily Salvador	Sean Spence

Non-Member in Attendance:

Members Absent:

Jessica Doiron	Ashley Johnson	Webster Lin-Kissick	Leah Moore	Kate Murphy
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PWCS Facilitators/Observers:

James Higgins	Jennifer Rokasky	Jessica Weimer
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Agenda Item	Most Responsible Person	Comments
Call to Order	Dr. Sean Spence, Chair	Dr. Spence called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
Opening Remarks and Approval of 02.05.2026 Meeting Minutes	Dr. Sean Spence, Chair	- Dr. Spence shared with the council that this is his last meeting, since he has been appointed to GMU's BOV by the Governor. He also attended SEAS on 04.25.2026. - Motion to approve 02.05.2026 meeting minutes: Dr. Sean Spence, second by Ms. Kristy Jones. Motion passed: 10-0, 4 not present at vote.
Citizen Comment Time	Dr. Sean Spence, Chair	No citizens present to comment.
Discussion Items 1. Reviewing Matrix of Past Recommendations 2. Crafting Recommendations for the Superintendent 3. Next Year's Meeting Dates	Jessica Weimer, Energy & Sustainability Supervisor	- Mrs. Weimer presented a matrix of past recommendations for review. - Dr. Spence opened discussion and requested ideas for recommendations the SACS could make to the Superintendent and School Board. - Motion by Mr. Eric Fagerholm that the school system increase quality native tree canopies across the school division. Second by Ms. Kristy Jones. Motion passed 9-0. 1 abstain. - The group discussed composting, waste reduction, and Strategic Plan objective 2.3, including the possibility of donating leftover food. - Explored water and wastewater strategies such as greywater reuse, rainwater collection, and expanded smart irrigation. - Considered idle-free zone practices, including signage and implementation. - Discussed sustainable transportation ideas such as biking to school, temporary street closures, installing bike racks, and potential bike share/loaner programs.

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		• Reviewed the idea of solar canopies over parking lots, with consideration for periodic reevaluation. • Emphasized increasing awareness of energy usage through accessible data. • Discussed opportunities for student engagement, including sustainability clubs and advisory council at schools or through student government. • Motion to explore feasibility of rainwater storage. Moved by Ms. Jenny Reed. Second by Ms. Kristy Jones. 10-0. Motion passed. • Motion to explore feasibility of grey water reuse. Moved by Dr. Sean Spence. Second by Ms. Jenny Reed. 7-2. 1 abstain. Motion passed. • Motion to study the impact of idle free zones on outdoor air quality. Motion by Dr. Sean Spence. Mr. Eric Fagerholm seconds. 4-5. 1 abstain. Motion fails. • Motion initiates a planning effort for school bike ride. Motion by Dr. Sean Spence. Second by Ms. Karen Juarez. 5-2. 2 abstain. Motion passed. • Motion to create a student advisory council on sustainability. Motion by Dr. Sean Spence. Ms. Kristy Jones seconds. 9-1. Motion passed. • Motion to initiate a staff advisory council on sustainability for central offices. Dr. Sean Spence motions. Second by Ms. Karen Juarez. 7-1. 2 abstain. Motion passed. • Dr. Spence and Mrs. Weimer suggested that the Council narrow down to no more than three-five recommendations.

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		• Council decided that since there were so many recommendations that could use more discussion, that the Council would defer discussion and recommendations until the Fall meeting. However, the Council desired to make a couple recommendations regarding the student and staff group. • Motion by Dr. Sean Spence to advance recommendations for student and staff councils to the Superintendent for consideration as part of the SACS SY2025-26 recommendations. Ms. Kristy Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed, 10-0.
Chair's Corner	Dr. Sean Spence, Chair	• Meeting calendar: ○ September 10, 2026 ○ November 10, 2026 ○ February 4, 2027 ○ May 6, 2027
Adjournment	Dr. Sean Spence, Chair	• The next meeting of the Full Council is scheduled for September 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. • Dr. Spence adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.