



Superintendent’s Advisory Council on Sustainability

Minutes from the March 23, 2021 Virtual Meeting

Meeting Outcome:

Members received reports of January, February, and/or March sub-committee meetings; as well as information about the process for spring presentations to the Superintendent and School Board.

Attendance:

<i>Tony Bright (Absent)</i>	Kristine Johnson	Don Richardson
Karen Carney	Rob Johnson	<i>Tim Snee (Absent)</i>
Hannah Casey	Ben Kim	Angela Stouffer
Brian Gorham	Melinda Landry	Teresa Thornton
Meredith Holland	Dr. Earnie Porta	Jessica Weimer
Dr. Sheila Huckestein	Ramona Richardson	John Wheeler

Agenda Item	Most Responsible Person	Comments
Call to Order	Don Richardson, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
Opening Remarks and Approval of 01.12.2021 Meeting Minutes	Don Richardson, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Porta made a motion to approve the minutes. • Ms. Landry seconded the motion. • Motion passed 14-0 (3 absent - Bright, Hopkins, Snee).
Citizen Comment Time	Don Richardson, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No citizens signed up to comment.

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<p>Sub-Committee Reports (Meeting Minutes located in Sub-Committee Folders in Group Files)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Earnie Porta, “Collaboration with County” Sub-Committee Chair; • Melinda Landry, “Environmental Literacy” Sub-Committee Chair; and • Kristine Johnson, “High-Performance Buildings” Sub-Committee Chair. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Porta reviewed meeting minutes from the 01.21.2021, 02.18.2021, and 03.18.2021 CwC Sub-Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Cindy Smith presented on 10 different environmental sustainability organizations in the county and potential opportunities for collaboration. ○ Ms. Holland presented on the efforts of The Greater Prince William Climate Action Network. ○ Mr. Kambiz Agazi and Mr. Dan Storck presented on the establishment of the Fairfax County Joint Environmental Taskforce (JET). ○ Mr. Bright presented on the student-led organization, Healthy Environments Advance Life (HEAL). ○ Ms. Tiziana Bottinio presented on the efforts of the organization, Mothers Out Front, PWC. ○ The CwC Sub-Committee has two recommendations for the Superintendent and School Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Call for the establishment of a Joint Sustainability Committee of PWC and PWCS that consists of at least two members of each entity’s governing board, as well as members of the community with expertise in 1) relevant fields from business, 2) higher education, 3) advocacy groups, and 4) the student population, who also ensure representation from traditionally underrepresented communities; and ▪ Call for PWC and PWCS to establish dedicated positions for sustainability, including coordinator roles to promote

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		<p style="text-align: center;">collaboration in environmental sustainability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Landry reviewed meeting minutes from the 01.25.2021, 02.11.2021, and 03.11.2021 EL Sub-Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Kirsten White presented on current state of environmental literacy in PWCS. ○ Dr. Huckestein presented information on PWCS strategic planning strategies and development of goals and objectives. ○ Ms. Jabara led a discussion and review of existing K-12 environmental literacy plans in other jurisdictions. ○ Dr. Dat Le presented on environmental literacy in Arlington Public Schools (APS). ○ Sub-Committee members collaborated on a framework of goals for PWCS environmental literacy including vision, mission, and tasks to be determined. (Draft version is located in group files.) ○ The EL Sub-Committee has two recommendations for the Superintendent and School Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide funding for: supplemental non-instruction (teacher supplemental pay) to research curriculum standards, conduct survey of current resources, and review of current professional development; and ▪ Create staff/community task force (educators, administrators, community members) to write Environmental Literacy Plan.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Johnson reviewed meeting minutes from the 01.28.2021 and 02.25.2021 HPB Sub-Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sub-Committee members discussed short and long-term goals. ○ Mr. Conrad presented information on current energy projects in PWCS. ○ Mr. Conrad presented information on LED lighting as well as Smart Irrigation projects currently underway in PWCS. ○ Sub-Committee members discussed possible standards for PWCS. ○ Sub-Committee members discussed inviting experts in the areas of sustainability to present at future Sub-Committee meetings. ○ The HPB Sub-Committee has three recommendations for the Superintendent and School Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (Short-term) Prioritize expediting key projects that are underway that could have a significant impact on occupant comfort within our building portfolio, reduce utility expense and maintenance, and work toward the ultimate goal of reducing our carbon footprint, i.e. LED lighting; ▪ (Short-term) Develop a baseline of minimum LEED Silver for all new construction over 10,000 SF as an immediate change to procurement requirements moving forward. Suggest that this approach be considered for incorporation at a Countywide level to showcase this commitment to a sustainable future; and

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (Long-term Goal) Develop a design and construction manual that addresses performance criteria for water, energy, and waste reduction, establishes a process for an integrated design approach, and an operational plan for the future. This manual needs to address both new construction and renovation. The performance criteria established as part of the manual should align with future Net-Zero goals. • All available presentation slides and documents are in group files.
Review Process and Timeline for Spring Presentations to Superintendent and School Board	Don Richardson, Chair and Brian Gorham, Energy & Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Richardson and Mr. Gorham presented information on the process for presenting to the Superintendent (OAI) and School Board. • Mr. Gorham and Ms. Weimer presented the timeline for submitting materials for the presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ April 5 – Final recommendations due to staff; ○ April 28 – Materials for OAI submitted by staff; ○ May 12 – Presentation to Superintendent’s Staff; ○ May 14 – Materials for School Board presentation submitted by staff to Board Docs; and ○ June 2 – Presentation to School Board. • Mr. Richardson reviewed the strategy for putting together the presentation files. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An outline will be established for review by Chairs and Council members (April 6 – April 14). ○ Staff will create the PowerPoint on PWCS template. ○ Council members will review and discuss presentation slides (April 15 – April 27).

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<p>Round-table Discussion: Final Recommendations to Superintendent for School Board Presentation</p>	<p>Don Richardson, Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Johnson inquired if SACS recommendation would change if PWC Government establishes their own action plans. • Ms. Stouffer inquired if we could share our recommendations with County prior to them establishing their own action plans. • Mr. Wheeler inquired if we need to specify budget when making our recommendations. • Mr. Richardson suggested that we should focus on high-level recommendations and not specific personnel and associated budgets. • Ms. Landry asked for clarification about recommending a timeline for project completion in our presentation. • Ms. Stouffer inquired about the ROI of LED lighting. • Mr. Richardson suggested that we request that the School Board consider advancing some of these projects with available end of year funds.
<p>Adjourn Meeting</p>	<p>Don Richardson, Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting of the Full Council is tentatively scheduled for April 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted virtually. • Mr. Richardson adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.