



Superintendent’s Advisory Council on Sustainability

Minutes from March 22, 2022 KLC, Room 1101 A/B

Meeting Outcome:

Members reviewed Sub-Committee reports, as well as received presentations and progress updates on the Environmental Literacy grant, the draft Sustainable Design Principles, and the Net-Zero School.

Members in Attendance:

Tony Bright	Leyla Hopkins	Ramona Richardson	Angela Stouffer
Karen Carney	Kristine Johnson	Don Richardson	John Wheeler
Dr. Jessica Doiron	Rob Johnson	Stephanie Ruiz Molina	

Members Absent:

Meredith Holland	Aurora Hurtado	Dakota Russell
Dr. Sheila Huckestein	Dr. Earnie Porta	

PWCS Facilitators/ Observers:

Dominik Bonshire	Brian Gorham	Jeanne Jabara	Jennifer Rokasky
Bryan Conrad	James Higgins	Melinda Landry	Jessica Weimer

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 7:00 p.m.

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Opening Remarks and Approval of 01.25.2022 Meeting Minutes	Don Richardson, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes. • Ms. Stouffer seconded the motion. • Motion passed 11-0 (5 not present at vote).
Citizen Comment Time	Don Richardson, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No citizen(s) signed up to comment.
Review: Sub-Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Earnie Porta, “Joint Environmental Taskforce (JET)” SACS Representative; • Dr. Jessica Doiron, “Environmental Literacy” Sub-Committee Chair; and • Kristine Johnson, “High-Performance Buildings” Sub-Committee Chair. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Porta was unable to attend this meeting to report on JET. However, Mr. Richardson will have shared related information in the Roundtable Discussion. • Dr. Doiron reported the following information from the EL Sub-Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting, February 3: members learned about the NOAA Environmental Literacy grant and provided some advisory recommendations; ○ Meeting, March 22: members were presented information on curriculum crosswalks and discussed additional sustainability outreach; and ○ Next meeting is 7 p.m. on April 7 at Marsteller MS. • Ms. Johnson reported the following information from the HPB Sub-Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting, March 22: members discussed accomplishments and recommendations for the Superintendent, including ARC pilot program, touchless faucets, and safe routes to schools; ○ The members have discussed the potential focus of the HPB Sub-Committee for the next two years as well as a change in Sub-Committee Chair; ○ Members would like to have a presentation on Public Private Partnerships (P3). Prince George’s County, Maryland has a P3 deal for eight new schools; and

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next meeting is 7:00 p.m. on April 27 at Gainesville HS. ● Mr. Richardson asked the Council to reflect on items or initiatives, including CIP, that should be included in the next set of recommendations to the Superintendent. At the May meeting, the Council will discuss member interest in serving another term, as well as determining sub-committees. ● Ms. Hopkins inquired about bike racks. ● All available presentation slides and reference documents are in group files.
Presentation: Environmental Literacy Grant Update	Melinda Landry, Environmental Literacy Coordinator, Energy Management and Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Landry presented an update for the Environmental Literacy grant, including the environmental literacy goals in the Division’s Strategic Plan. ● Members asked questions and discussed the presentation. ● All available presentation slides and reference documents are in group files.
Presentation: Sustainable Design Principles Draft	Bryan Conrad, Energy Education Coordinator, Energy Management and Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Conrad presented the purpose of design principles and provided information on the development of the draft <i>PWCS Sustainable Design Principles for High-Performance Buildings</i>. ● Members asked questions and discussed the presentation. ● All available presentation slides and reference documents are in group files.
Presentation: Net-Zero School Progress	Brian Gorham, Supervisor, Energy Management and Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Gorham presented information about the CIP, as well as the progress of the Net-Zero School. The bids for the design are now closed. Target date for consideration by the

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		<p>School Board will be late spring. Target date for design process to begin will be later this summer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members asked questions and discussed the presentation. • All available presentation slides and reference documents are in group files.
Roundtable Discussion	Don Richardson, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Richardson shared that he and Dr. Porta are looking at the County’s Mobility Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan regarding safe routes to schools. The concern is how the ability of students to walk or bike to schools will be addressed in the updated Comprehensive Plan. • Mr. Richardson suggested that the School Board could formally weigh-in via a letter to the County’s Planning Commission to address mobility of students and staff. • Mr. Richardson has mentioned this idea to Dr. Lateef. Dr. Porta has mentioned it to Supervisor Boddye. • Dr. Porta and Mr. Richardson would like to draft a resolution for the Board to address this concern. A draft resolution will be posted to group files for Council review. • Motion: Directing Dr. Earnie Porta and Mr. Don Richardson to create a draft resolution of recognition of safe routes to schools that will then be voted on electronically by SACS members. This resolution will be presented to the School Board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion made by Mr. Johnson. ○ Ms. Stouffer seconded the motion. ○ Motion passed 10-0 (6 not present at vote).
Adjournment	Don Richardson, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting of the Full Council is scheduled for May 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the KLC, Room 1101 A/B. • Mr. Richardson adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.