

Green Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, September 11, 2025

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

KC Wright Building - 600 SE Third Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale
Pre-Function Board Meeting Room - Lobby Level

Notes

- I. Call to Order by Chair at 4:47pm
- II. Roll Call Roll Call – Dr. Afeefa Abdool-Ghany, Dr. Alec Bogdanoff, Catherine Uden, Michael Ross, Kim Kessler, and staff liaisons Dr. Lisa Milenkovic and Susan Cantrick
- III. Chair's Report
 - a. Welcome new board member Kim Kessler
- IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting
 - a. 8/14/25 motion to approve, Catherine Uden made the motion and seconded by Michael Ross, approved unanimously
- V. Old Business & Actions
- VI. New Business
 - a. Updates from BCPS Recycling Committee
 - I. Meets bimonthly
 - II. Hope to have a mockup of the SOP in the next month or two
 - III. Logistics need to be worked out
 - IV. How do we promote this at a principals meeting or the end of the year principals' retreat?
 - b. Updates from BCPS Sustainability Committee
 - I. Draft of the new sustainability plan
 - II. Working on the green house inventory and establishing a base line of fiscal year 2025, and set the goals from there
 - III. A multitude of departments are represented on the committee - Facilities, Transportation, Food and Nutrition, Applied Learning, Environmental Health and Safety, etc.
 - IV. Meets every other week
 - c. Green Purchasing Policy
 - I. Alec tried to bring to the Board but was told to hold off on it
 - II. The district has no uniform guidance that would allow one department to dictate to another department what they are and aren't allowed to purchase.
 - III. It is the right thing to do to have one.
 - IV. As a group, we need to educate the board members that we represent.
 - d. Completion of Ethics Training Verification for all Green Advisory Committee Members
 - I. Confirm all members have completed training
 - II. Reminder: If training was completed last year, the 10-minute assessment must be completed before the second meeting of the school year.
 - e. Southeast Florida Climate Leadership Summit December 16 and 17 in Palm Beach

- I. How do we select schools to attend?
 - I. Applied Learning currently selects.
- II. How can we have them do a competition to win a trip?
- f. Updates on Coastal Waste Management - Presentation by Coastal Waste Management's Trevor Black
 - I. Service all recycling for all BCPS schools.
 - II. Cardboard processing facility in Pompano
 - III. Metal goes to recycling facility - 70% recovery
 - IV. Single-stream recycling facility being created in Pompano – will be able to handle plastics in March.
 - I. People will purchase plastics – it is being recycled – there is a market for it.
 - II. Take caps off and empty bottle, both can be recycled.
 - III. \$20 billion-dollar new facility.
 - IV. State-of-the-art with advanced technology built into it with robots, who take out that human error. They can detect contamination depending on where the waste streams are coming from. Will be completely automated.
 - V. Green Advisory Committee Members were invited out to tour the facility.
 - VI. They will be open to having fieldtrips come through.
 - V. Recycling and trash dumpsters are 80% to 90% full when picked up from schools.
 - I. Recycling is cheaper than garbage, so we want to cleanly recycle as much as possible.
 - VI. Share savings incentive awards – energy consumption
 - I. How do we include this in our P3 Awards Ceremony?
 - VII. Recycling will be easier in the district if we start by focusing on cardboard and paper. Soda cans will contaminate paper/cardboard.
 - I. Marketing and Education Campaign
 - I. Competition for school of the year in special category at P3?
 - II. PSA for BCPS
 - II. Logistics, messaging, funding, and directives are what can dampen the process.
 - III. Tiers to Recycling program?
 - IV. Incentives to teachers?
 - V. ROI from recycling go back to schools?
 - VI. BCPS has created an internal Recycling Committee
 - VII. 5 R's will be the theme of this year's Youth Climate Summit.
 - VIII. How can we speak to our vendors about only using cans as to not use plastic?
 - I. Procurements to bid
 - II. Green Purchasing – was tabled by board
- g. The Resilient and Environment department, and Public Works department merged at Broward County – more direct connection at the county level.

- h. Several people from the BCPS Sustainability Team are presenting at the Florida School Plant Management Association Conference in Orlando the week of September 22.
- i. We invite everyone to attend the monthly Florida Schools Sustainability meeting
- j. Green Schools Conference will be held February 17-19 in San Diego.
- k. Next Green Advisory Committee meeting is Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Dr. Alec Bogdanoff at 5:41p.m. and seconded by Catherine Uden.