



**PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CLIMATE CRISIS RESPONSE COMMITTEE**

October 29, 2025

Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Pursuant to notice made by posting on the Board's public notices webpage and emailed to persons on the mailing list, a meeting of the Climate Crisis Response Committee was held virtually and streamed live at: https://www.youtube.com/@pps_climatejustice

The materials for this meeting were posted on the [Climate Crisis Response Committee Meeting Materials Website](#).

Attendance

Committee Members

Present:

Alysaa Koomas (Committee Chair)
Shannon Adams
Barbi Alexander
Leah Almeida (student representative)
Murtaza Balta
Jane Comeault
America Tirado
Alma Valls (student representative)
Leah Werner

Absent:

Other Attendees

Kat Davis - PPS Climate Justice Advisor
Carrie Jones Bohara - PPS Student Climate Projects Coordinator
Director Eddie Wange - Board Liaison

Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Alyssa Koomas.

Topic I. Welcome and Introductions

Each member introduced themselves, sharing their name, pronouns, connection to PPS, and background/connection to climate work. The committee consists of a diverse group including parents, students, educators, and professionals with backgrounds in public health, environmental science, and policy.

Topic II. Overview of Climate Crisis Response Policy (CCRP)

Kat Davis provided a high-level overview of the PPS Climate Crisis Response Policy.

- Discussion Point: Question on whether PPS considered the electrification impacts and resource extraction in Global South communities when drafting the policy.
- Discussion Point: Micro-nuclear grids were mentioned as a strategy elsewhere, but noted as outside PPS's purview.

Topic III. Committee Roles and Successes

The CCRC is a board community oversight committee, not a decision-making body, but provides regular updates to the board on PPS progress and offers feedback

- Discussion Point: Importance of committee members' voices, leveraging expertise, and the impact of student voice on the school board

Topic IV. Proposed Meeting Timeline

- Proposed quarterly meeting dates were shared (all Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 PM, virtual).
- Special "calendar hold" meetings were proposed for potential deeper dives or town hall style discussions, ensuring public meeting law compliance.
- Discussion on attendance and rescheduling protocol, aiming for best practices and flexibility.

Topic V. Action Items and Next Steps

- Kat Davis to send calendar invites for proposed quarterly and special meetings.
- Kat Davis to send meeting agendas and materials two weeks prior to meetings.
- Committee members to provide photos and blurbs for the updated website.

Adjourn

Alyssa Koomas adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Submitted by:

Kat Davis
Climate Justice Advisor