

Green Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, October 9, 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, Chair at 4:42 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Afeefa Abdool-ghany, Catherine Uden, Dr. Julie Long, Michael Ross, and district liaisons Dr. Lisa Milenkovic, Susan Cantrick
- III. Chair's Report
- IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting
 - a. 9/11/25 approved by Dr. Julie Long and seconded by Catherine Uden
- V. Old Business & Actions
- VI. New Business
 - a. Updates from BCPS Recycling Committee
 - I. Work in progress
 - II. Start with paper and cardboard and bring on additional components as things get established
 - III. Marketing campaign is really needed
 - IV. Principal and custodial buy in is key and biggest challenge
 - V. Budget needs to be done
 - VI. Potential survey to teachers
 - VII. Brutes and small trash cans come from Environmental Health and Safety Department
 - VIII. Measuring recycling is a challenge to reward schools
 - I. A request was made by Susan Cantrick for board members to brainstorm different ways recycling can be measured.
 - II. How can BCPS do waste audits of dumpsters?
 - IX. Custodians work for principals
 - X. Hoping to have a more cohesive plan by next meeting
 - XI. One recommendation is for students to be recycling liaisons (student council, key clubs environmental clubs, etc.). Also need to consider how to do it with no willing student groups.
 - XII. Can there be different size recycling bins at schools and are they charged differently?
 - XIII. BCPS should promote TeraCycle more heavily
 - XIV. SWA has funds to work with BCPS for curriculum and marketing materials and is working with the department of Applied Learning
 - b. Updates from BCPS Sustainability Committee
 - I. Meets every other week
 - II. Sustainability plan is in the works
 - III. GIS heat and flooding vulnerability assessment is in the works

- IV. Transitioning solar microgrids on two of the solar panels on shelters
- V. Floating solar will be installed by 1st quarter of the new year at Fox Trail Elementary
- c. Updates on Composting
 - I. Looking at a few schools to pilot program
 - II. Looking at ROI
 - III. Fieldtrip to Renuable's composting site on 10/23 or 10/24, invite GAC members to attend with BCPS
 - IV. Start at elementary possibly in Hollywood like Orange Brook or Beachside
 - V. Need to put a contract and procedures in place
 - VI. Food and Nutrition is already on board
 - VII. Applied Learning getting quotes from Filthy Organics and Renuable
- d. Completion of Ethics Training Verification for all Green Advisory Committee Members – Yes
- e. Changes in Committee Rules
 - I. Agendas are needed 14 days before, along with guest speakers.
 - I. The agenda will be posted 7 days ahead of the meeting.
 - II. Are we allowed to record GAC meetings to assist with notes?
 - III. Election of Secretary
 - I. Dr. Julie Long was nominated by Catherine Uden and seconded by Michael Ross. Motion has passed.
- f. Open Discussion and Committee Member Updates
 - I. Solid Waste Authority present at next meeting? Or invite Laurie Menekou to next meeting for a discussion on Recycling.
 - II. Updates on School board property that can be used for storm water retention
 - III. Update on less plastic water bottles (change bids for aluminum) used and purchased on/for campus. Variables, i.e. sports outside, no water fountains and have to provide water. Education to bring reusable water bottles from home. Suggested ideas for teacher planning best practices
 - IV. Updates on all BCPS sustainability initiatives
- VII. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn at 5:57 p.m.. Motioned by Dr. Julie Long and seconded by Michael Ross.
 - b. Next meeting on 11/13