

## Green Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 8, 2026

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 Afeefa Abdool-Ghany at 4:44pm
- II. Approval of minutes from last meeting – approved by Dr. Long, seconded by Dr. Bogdanoff
- III. Attendance: Catherine Uden, Dr. Alec Bogdanoff, Dr. Julie Long, Kim Kessler, Afeefa Abdool-Ghany
- IV. Old Business & Actions
- V. New Business Discussion
  - a. Updates from BCPS Recycling Committee
    - I. Can SWA create a list of what each municipality recycles to share with students?
    - II. General Recycling
      - I. Recycle stickers shared.
      - II. BCPS Kitchens recycle cardboard.
      - III. Working to increase collections from classrooms.
      - IV. Classroom participation needs more support and location of bins.
      - V. Items to be collected: paper, metal, and plastic.
    - III. Raffle to teachers for motivation
      - I. Alec will sponsor first pizza party for 2 class/club (elementary, middle, and high) with max number of students
        - I. Send in memo
        - II. Six, \$50 gift cards
        - III. Survey to find out who is participating
          - I. Who is doing something? Random Collection
          - II. Alec will help find future sponsors
      - II. Pizza party donate?
        - I. Donate PTA
        - II. Pizza Gift Cards
      - III. Rotary Club as sponsors?
      - IV. BEF is best entity for finances
      - V. Need teacher and principal buy in
      - VI. Environmental clubs to be the targeted
    - b. Updates from BCPS Sustainability Committee
      - I. 3 companies will be at the Youth Climate Summit on 2/6 - Compost for Life, Renuable, Filthy Organics.
      - II. Surface temperature and flood maps for each school district shared.
        - I. These are not for distribution at this time.

- II. School properties are usually on high ground, but access roads are subject to flooding.
    - III. Mr. Bogdanoff suggested per school evaluation of these maps (create scores) and what actions need to be taken.
    - IV. County already has some scores assigned based on this data, but it may not include access.
    - V. Comment from Sophia: just because school may be high does not mean there is no flooding because water does not run off.
  - c. Updates on Resolutions
    - I. Sustainability group has put together responses and next steps
    - II. Suggested that advisory board provide School Board “where we are at” information about resolutions passed in May 2025.
  - d. Advisory Training Manual and Policy 1070
  - e. Environmental Field Trip Opportunities
    - I. January 21 at 10:00 a.m. at Filthy Organics
  - f. Youth Climate Summit – February 6
    - I. Need more speakers
    - II. Currently 37 schools and roughly 1,300 students registered
    - III. Sophia has volunteers and can do a class presentation
    - IV. Catherine Uden will present on microplastics
    - V. Panera has boxed lunches without plastics
      - I. Jersey Mikes has options without plastic for cheaper
      - II. Alec can reach out to Coca-Cola to ask for drink donations
    - VI. Alec will investigate presenting on civic engagement actions
  - g. Open Discussion and Committee Member Updates
    - I. November Climate Compact Summit
      - I. Pitch contest – open to high school students aged 18 plus
      - II. Three days
      - III. The next summit in Broward will be November 2026
    - II. GAC Board send Memo – include highlights from Alyson’s Sustainability
    - III. GIS – Surface Temperature Map & Flooding – manage maintenance of storm water on property through Capital Funding – priority list
      - I. What areas leading to a school are flooded? Can you look at bus routes to a school and give that a score?
      - II. Perhaps students will have access to these maps for research.
      - III. Alec’s team and Alison's team work together to create scores for each school.
  - h. Next Meeting: February 12
    - I. Guest Speaker: Todd Storti, Executive Director, Solid Waste Authority of Broward County
- VI. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn at 5:33pm by Afeefa Abdool-Ghany and seconded by Dr. Long