

Green Advisory Committee Meeting

NOTES

Thursday, February 12, 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 at 4:33 by Afeefa Abdool-Ghany
- II. Attendance: Kim Kessler, Afeefa Abdool-Ghany, Kim Kessler, Michael Ross, Dr. Alec Bogdanoff, Catherine Uden and Dr. Julie Long
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting by Dr. Alec Bogdanoff and seconded by Catherine Uden
- IV. Old Business & Actions
- V. New Business Discussion
 - a. Updates from BCPS Recycling Committee
 - I. Generic
 - I. Reduce the size of the trash container to save money
 - II. The number of waste pick-ups per week is in each school's trash contract. A reduction can be requested to save the school money.
 - II. Recycling SOP is being finalized as we speak.
 - I. SOP is for schools, food and nutrition services, and office buildings.
 - III. Memo for Recycling went out to principals on the same day at Youth Climate Summit, February 6th.
 - I. In the Memo, protocols from Beachside and South Plantation were shared.
 - IV. Finalizing operating procedures for different areas: administrative offices, food and nutrition services, etc.
 - V. List of schools that have signed up to recycle is being generated.
 - VI. It is important to see in schools that recycle if there is a reduction in the number of pickups of trash which would result in monetary savings.
 - VII. Recycling was talked about at Youth Climate Summit in a panel discussion with Beam Furr and school board member Maura Bulman.
 - VIII. Student labor and direction from teachers will make recycling more productive at schools.
 - IX. Schools with successful programs have enlisted students, especially environmental clubs, to monitor the process and help deliver recycled materials to bins.
 - X. 80% of teachers at Driftwood Middle are recycling, and the recycling program is run through the Happiness Studies Class.

- XI. Recycling will need to happen organically though the students. The students then need to get the teachers involved, whom then will get the principal involved leading to the help of custodial staff.
- XII. Rewards
 - I. Applied Learning to sit down and roll out a plan
 - II. Gift Cards from Alec
- XIII. Custodial Staff – educational and cultural shift
 - I. Nominating custodians district wide
 - II. Positive news throughout BCPS county wide
 - III. Showing BCPS cares
 - IV. Luis Aguirre – Catherine will reach out to see if we can do spotlights
 - V. They receive their training from facilities but are managed by their school’s principal
 - VI. Consider program to recognize custodians who participate in recycling program outside of the P3, since not all schools participate in P3, although they all can apply for it or someone can nominate them.
- XIV. Funding from Solid Waste Authority
 - I. Create curriculum for K to 2, 3 to 5, 6 to 8, and 9 to 12.
 - I. One generic lesson per grade band plus each of the following electives including: Debate, STEM, PE, Art, and Music. Additionally social studies and science in Middle and High School
 - II. Earth Day celebrations at three schools on April 22nd
 - I. Invite Green Advisory Committee Members to attend.
- XV. Mr. Furr’s Youth Climate Summit PowerPoint Presentation on Recycling
 - I. Share it with teachers through email, BEACON, and Viva Engage.
- b. Updates from BCPS Sustainability Committee
 - I. Superintendent is putting together a long-range facilities task force.
 - II. Composting
 - I. Progressing with a Request for Information (RFI) by the end of February, followed by a Request for Proposal (RFP), and from there an Invitation to Bid (ITB) will be created, and in turn will allow vendors to be chosen, and schools will select which one they like best.
 - II. South Plantation High is doing culinary, looking at doing back of the house for the cafeteria – idea is to reduce waste at school.
- c. Updates on Resolutions
 - I. Super Intendent is creating a Long-Range Facilities task Force – long range planning for the district
- d. Guest Speaker: Elisa Jones - Solid Waste Authority of Broward County
 - I. BrowardSWA.org
 - II. How do we get SBBC involved in getting all cities involved?
 - I. Do we have the Green Advisory Chair ask the school

- II. Dr. Alec Bogdanoff moved to request that the Chair of the Green Advisory Committee address the School Board regarding opportunities for the School Board of Broward County to encourage all municipalities in Broward County to participate in the Solid Waste Authority. The vote was in support of the plan presented five in favor, and one abstention. Support was expressed for the proposed amendments to the ILA. Recommendation by Dr. Alec Bogdanof, seconded by Dr. Julie Long to send letter to school board in support of the master plan.
 - I. Authorization was granted for the Green Advisory Chair or the Superintendent to issue letters to all municipalities endorsing this amendment. Dr. Bogdanoff will prepare the written materials.
- e. Open Discussion and Committee Member Updates
- VI. Next Meeting: April 9, 2026
- VII. Adjournment
 - a. Adjourned motioned at 6:08 p.m. by Dr. Alec Bogdanoff and seconded by Michael Ross.