



Austin Independent School District
Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2017
5:30 – 7:30 pm
Carruth Administration Center, 1111 W. 6th Street, Board Auditorium

Attendees

Members in Attendance

Bianca Bidiuc
Karen Bishop
Liz Cardinal
Laura Gass
Charlie Gutierrez
Kris Hafezizadeh
Sarah Holland
Cari Land
Sherry Lepine
Monica Lopez Magee*
Lauren Maples
Amanda Mortl
Matthew Nelson*
Susan Peterson
Mary Priddy*
Justo Ramirez
Lonnie Sclerandi
Ilya Schmulenson
Cory Skuldt
Richard Shearman
Ryan Spencer
Chris Stewart
Jeff Wacker
Jessica Wilson

* Indicates Committee Co-Chair

Staff Coordinators in Attendance

Darien Clary
Paul Turner

Members Not in Attendance

Rob Borowski
Sam DeSanto
Cassidy Ellis
Amir Emamian
Colleen Garland
Melina Martinez
Anne Muller
Vivian Perez
Abby Randall
Anneliese Tanner
Dub Taylor
James Tosh
Cynthia Wilcox
Louis Zachary

Citizens Communication

Mary Priddy

Visitors

Misty Olsson
Rodrigo Velez
Gaby Benitez
Pamela Abee Taulli
Christopher Stanton

Minutes

I. Welcome and Approval of Minutes

The ESAC Co-chair Mary Priddy facilitated the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Approval of the November 29, 2017 meeting minutes occurred at 5:41pm. The ESAC member Amanda Mortl motioned to approve the November 29, 2017

Clary then updated the ESAC regarding the October 23rd Board recognition of AISD Facilities and Construction Management staff for their green building initiatives. Next, she provided a status report of the urban forest grant that is funding the current AISD tree inventory personnel. Since November 2017, 565 Trees have been inventoried at six different schools. The tree inventory will identify tree care needs. locate and identify heritage trees, prioritize trees for

to nature through the Girls Outside Co-op grant. The students took field trips to Westcave and Pedernales Falls State Park. Also, outdoor learning spaces have been included in the new Ed Specs for AISD construction projects. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Green Schoolyard Project at Barrington Elementary is scheduled for March 24th.

Misty Olsson, AISD Food & Nutrition Services, provided the Food Subcommittee update. Food purchased from local sources has increased, which Ms. Olsson attributed largely to the cafeteria salad bars and a new food vendor with access to local farms. Food & Nutrition services is phasing out Styrofoam trays, with

Mortl is working to bring composting services to the remaining 26 middle and high schools who have yet to compost cafeteria waste, she is creating a downloadable toolkit with signs, integrating zero waste curriculum into the learning experience, and facilitating student leadership through zero waste projects. After the presentation, an ESAC member asked if the entire contents of a recycling bag are discarded into the landfill if it happens to contain any non-recyclables. The response was that the hauler accepts a small level of contamination, so it is not likely that the whole bag would be discarded if it contained minimal landfill materials. However, education for correct sorting is very important to reduce contamination, especially with compost. Another ESAC member mentioned that the Austin Council of PTAs may be interested in receiving the Zero Waste Event training. See Meeting Materials for additional information.

VII. Presentation: City of Austin: Zero Waste by 2040.

The presentation was postponed due to time constraints. A copy of the slides is included in the Meeting Materials.

VIII. Request for Information and Future Meetings

No requests were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:295(cC ald2G)JTJ 2126236 0 TD .0007 Tc .0002 Tw [tr