

Austin Independent School District
**Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

September 27, 2017

5:30 . 7:30 pm

Carruth Administration Center, 1111 W. 6th Street, Board Auditorium

Attendees

Members in Attendance

Bianca Bidiuc
Karen Bishop
Rob Borowski
Amir Emamian
Colleen Garland
Laura Gass
Charlie Gutierrez
Kris Hafezizadeh
Cari Land
Sherry Lepine
Monica Lopez Magee*
Anne Muller
Matthew Nelson*
Mary Priddy*
Abby Randall
Lonnie Sclerandi
Richard Shearman
Cory Skuldt
Ryan Spencer
Anneliese Tanner
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Minutes

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Additional updates included partnerships for materials reuse underway, which have resulted in diverting over 800 binders, 100 student desks, and 48 office chairs from the landfill. This has also saved AISD in avoided cost to procure these items new, and has saved partner agencies the cost in landfill fees to dispose of the materials. Eco Rise has partnered with AISD Career & Technical Education (CTE) to pilot a LEED Green Building Prep class during the 2017-2018 school year. AISD was ranked #1 in the nation by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for green power, and 25th in the nation among local governments. See Meeting Materials for additional information.

V. Sustainability Plan Updates

Austin ISD Sustainability Manager, Darien Clary, reiterated information that was mentioned earlier in the meeting during the September Strategic Planning Meeting updates. Please see above notes and meeting materials for details.

VI. Engagement

The ESAC Co-Chair, Monica Lopez Magee, provided an in-depth review of the discussion and outcomes from the September Strategic Planning Meeting. This year, we want to foster a sense of collaboration and to give schools a resource and pathway to engage students in sustainability activities and education. There was a discussion of the possibility to host sustainability-themed resource fairs for teachers, perhaps paired with a resource fair.

Ms. Lopez Magee also updated the ESAC regarding the revisions that were made to the engagement posters, based on ESAC feedback from the May meeting and the trial-run at the AISD Science and Math conference. Members will be notified when the final posters are available for use at community events.

VII. Subcommittee Group Time

Subcommittees broke into groups to confirm subcommittee leadership for the 17-18 school year, determine subcommittee meeting dates, and to discuss initiatives/strategies underway and how members can each contribute.

VIII. City of Austin Urban Forest Grant

This presentation was postponed, date TBD.