



Meeting Minutes

Pursuant to notice made by posting on the Board's public notices webpage and emailed to persons on the mailing list, a meeting of the Climate Crisis Response Committee was held at Dr. Matthew Prophet Education Center, 501 N. Dixon St., Portland, OR 97227 and streamed live at: https://www.youtube.com/@pps_climatejustice

The materials for this meeting were posted on the [Committee's Webpage](#).

Attendance

Committee Members

Barbi Alexander (Chair)
Jane Comeault,
Eric Opsahl
Angela Long,
Barbi Edwards
Alma Valls
Alyssa Koomas
Tess Nestel

Absent:

Issac Barrow
Charity Fain

Other Attendees

Kat Davis - Climate justice Advisor + CCRC Staff Liaison
Hannah Skutt - Climate Justice AmeriCorps Fellow
Phi Nguyen - Climate Justice AmeriCorps Fellow
Rosie Goity - Climate Justice AmeriCorps Fellow
Rosanne Powell – Senior Board Manager
Ari Ettinger - Climate Resilience Program Manager
Monica Fleisher - Sustainability Programs Manager
Brandon Coonrod - Director of Student Transportation
Robyn Faranoe - Director of Strategic Partnerships

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Kat Davis.

Topic 1: Introduction to Departments & Staff this committee work impacts at PPS

- Facilities & Maintenance department updates
 - decarbonization, buildings (connection to CCRP Pillar 1, Goal 1.1)
- PCEF Student-Led Climate Projects (connection to CCRP Pillar 3 Goals 3.2)
 - \$10,000 per school per year for 5 years, every MS, HS, K-8 (38 PPS schools)
- Schoolyards maintenance & Outdoor Learning (Connection to CCRP Pillar 1 & 3, Goals 1.3.3 and 3.3.3)
 - over 60 school learning gardens
 - Partner organizations currently at 14 schools

- \$100k grant from Oregon Dept. of Ed.
- Waste Services & Diversion (connection to CCRP Pillar 1, Goal 1.2.2)
 - Waste Services Contract (Request for Proposal coming in 2025)
 - Container sensors
 - Engagement
- Student Transportation
 - Education & PPS history of low emission, propane vehicles
 - Finding ways to fund \$300,000 electric buses, currently drastically underfunded
 - Always looking for new funding and partners
 - Procurement from First Students, EPA grant
- Strategic Partnerships
 - Team of 4 full time staff, coordinate private and public funds in addition to state funds
 - Fund for Portland Public Schools
 - Public advocacy plays an important role in the investments made in PPS

Topic 2: Overview of Committee Resources and Schedule

Committee Discussion:

- Carve out time throughout meetings to identify/check on annual report progress
- PCEF Student-Led Climate Projects (navigating resources & deadlines)
- Update on Decarb public webinar, invite contractors to meeting
- Update on GHG inventory
- How to support a more robust grant program, leveraging resources available
- Meeting schedule reflects accessibility and necessary cadence, optional meeting invites included
- Cleveland student interest in the modernization efforts (ex: PCEF student project tied to RISE schoolyard planning)
- Public facing Envisio Dashboard update

Topic 1

Discussion/Actions/public comments etc.

Agenda

Time Started Agenda Title

- I. 5:30 PM - Opening - Orientation to the PPS Climate Crisis Response Committee
- II. 5:35 PM - Introductions to Committee Members
- III. 5:40 PM - Introduction to Departments & Staff this committee work impacts at PPS
- IV. 6:20 PM - Overview of Committee Resources and Schedule
- V. 6:30 PM - Discussion
- VI. 7:00 PM - Closing

Adjourn

Kat Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Submitted by:

Kat Davis,
Climate Justice Advisor _____