



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,

Angela Long,

Barbi Edwards

Alma Valls

Alyssa Koomas

Tess Nestel

Issac Barrow

Absent:

Eric Opsahl

Charity Fain

Other Attendees

Kat Davis - Climate Justice Advisor + CCRC Staff Liaison

Rosie Goity - Climate Justice AmeriCorps Fellow

Ari Ettinger - Climate Resilience Program Manager

Aaron Presberg - Senior Manager of Energy + Sustainability

Forest Tanier-Gesner

Tim Elley

Reilly Loveland

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Barbi Alexander.

Topic 1: Student Report:

- Ask questions about what students prioritize the most and opinions about PPS' action on climate
- Implementing best practices around sourcing of school lunches, connect with someone to create a policy to guide direction on cafeteria food waste
- Interested in exploring PPS climate curriculum because there's a general sense of hopelessness feeling associated with climate change
 - Hope for it to be implemented in elementary grade levels
 - Interact with teachers to learn about what they're already doing with climate education

- Discussion: share student interest areas with PPS staff 2 weeks ahead of CCRC meetings to inform direction of staff updates

Topic 2: Staff Updates: Decarbonization Prioritization Tool Overview

Stakeholder Engagement

- What were strategies employed to dictate decision making?
 - Utilized required data collection, then compiled it to create a prioritization matrix
- Collaborated with PPS Community agents who provided feedback on language accessibility of materials.
- Given time provided and circumstances, the team feels good about the amount of stakeholder engagement, but it could have been more robust.
- The feedback on incremental improvements across all schools mirrors the feedback that the community recently provided on how to prioritize bond funding as well.
- From the PPS parent perspective, the engagement process felt very condensed and there is uncertainty about both the decarbonization and modernization processes since they happened simultaneously.
- Committee Suggestion: short video celebrating the decarbonization map, showing what is next with translations and subtitles. Find a way to connect the message back to the classroom and share with students directly.
 - Staff response: public notice about the roadmap coming soon. Principal newsletters are a good communication outlet.

Roadmap Scenarios

- A forecast of energy/emissions impacts from assigned energy efficiency, electrification, and onsite generation measures over five, ten, years. Can be updated to adjust with bond measures as they arise.

Key Takeaways

- Planning tool demonstrate what different options mean in the context of PPS modernization

Committee Suggestions & Offerings

- Inform the community first through a webinar (also advertised to students) town halls, target PCEF student climate projects, and ask them what tools they would like to have to share with their families
- Advocate to the Board in June report, especially during conversations of budget reshuffling

Topic 3: Budget Reductions for High School Modernization Trade Off

Send draft letter to the Board, keep moving forward with more communication
March letter will focus on budget discussion

Adjourn

Barbi Alexander adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm.

Submitted by:

Kat Davis,
Climate Justice Advisor _____