

PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION 8/21/23

CLIMATE CRISIS RESPONSE COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MEETING OVERVIEW

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the Climate Crisis Response Committee meeting. In accordance with ORS 192.650, the District's official School Board Meeting Minutes are maintained via video recording and may be viewed at <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/ppscomms</u>

A meeting of the Climate Crisis Response Committee came to order at 4:00 pm at the call of Kat Davis (filling in for committee chair Jane Commeault). This meeting was held at the Dr. Matthew Proctor Education Center (Prophet Center) 501 N Dixon St. Portland, OR 97227 and was live streamed to the PPS Climate Justice Youtube Channel at: https://www.youtube.com/@pps_climatejustice/streams

Attendance

There were present:

Committee Members Charity Fain Dianne Riley Erik Opsahl Isaac Barrow

<u>Other Attendees</u> Kat Davis – Advisor for Climate Justice Ari Ettinger – Climate Resilience Program Manager

<u>Agenda</u>

Time Started	Agenda Title
4:00 pm	Introductions
4:15 pm	Background on the CCRP and progress updates
5:00 pm	Projected 23 - 24 scope of work
5:45 pm	Discussion: Defining the CCRC Audience and engagement
7:00 pm	Meeting adjourn

Committee Reports, Updates, and Discussions

Questions:

- How does 25 rounds of policy revisions compare to other typical PPS policy making processes?
- Are all modernized schools using heat pumps?
 - Not necessarily. Each project is unique, though heat pumps are always a consideration. Some modernized schools use heat pumps for certain areas of the school but not others, for example.

Requests:

- Share the materials we're sending to the Board that describes the scope of the PAE work and the contract.
- Share EcoNW deliverables with CCRC
- Can Jane/CCRC give a monthly update during public testimony from CCRC to just keep that on people's minds?
- Work on electric power tools

Offerings:

- Reach out to Charity on next round of Renew America's School grants and for other opportunities to shape federal RFPs.
- Surveying PPS community where students and communities/neighborhoods overlap. Community mapping, understanding what's important to our communities, both internal and external to PPS.

Action requests:

- Messaging, how do we ensure that we are *showing* the things that we *are* doing now, so that it doesn't end up *looking* like all we're doing is *planning*. Essentially, get ahead of that problem.
 - Let's make sure we are *showing* ALL the current things around Facilities:
 - LEDs
 - HVAC replacements through bonds
 - Solar planning
 - School modernizations
 - Can we *total* all the things that we highlight in our Newsletter and publish an ongoing running total to show the cumulative effect of all those projects?
 - How do we make sure we're telling these stories within communities across Portland?
- Committee action items: Consider engagement and activity goals for the committee over the 23-24 school year, share with Kat by September 10 to include in September 21 discussion.

Resources:

- Viral Justice: How We Grow the World We Want by Ruha Benjamin
 - <u>https://www.powells.com/book/-9780691222882/1-0</u>

Student and Public Comment

• Kimberly Kenny: commented on interest in committee activities and shared opportunities to connect as well as share the work of the committee further with a Climate Communications podcast.

<u>Adjourn</u>

Kat Davis adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Submitted by:

Kat Davis Advisor for Climate Justice