

SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS
GREEN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
April 18, 2024, starting at 4:00 pm

ZOOM LINK HERE:

<https://sccs-net.zoom.us/j/89049992988>

Meeting ID: 890 4999 2988

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Santa Cruz City Schools

Committee Charge: “to develop and recommend to the Board policies that meet State standards, lighten the District’s environmental footprint and integrate environmental education and student participation in environmental initiatives using partnerships with environmental education and public and non-profit agencies.”

- I. Welcome and Introductions (Jim Monreal)
- II. Minutes of [3/7/24](#) Meeting
- III. District Maintenance, Operations and Transportation (Trevor Miller)
- IV. SCCS Secondary Update (Derek Kendall)
- V. SCCS Elementary Update (Thien Nguyen)
 - Most principals report that the use of the compost bins for food products is going well. One reported that it took a while for students to learn how to separate trash from it. At DeLaveaga, we needed a larger bin and received it. Overall, it did not take students long to get used to a new way of disposing of their lunches and they're getting rather good at it.
 - Bay View composts most of their food waste onsite. Their worm bins are running strong!
 - DeLaveaga has been approved for a rain recapture grant. This project will fund a rainwater recapturing system to be installed in our LifeLab to water the plants. We are working with the folks at UCSC to install the system this summer.
- VI. SCCS Food Services (Amy Hedrick-Farr)
 - Continuing to increase local purchasing to support local food producers and farmers

- California raised grass-fed beef on our menus (started in February, looking for funding to continue into next year)
 - Locally grown, organic romaine lettuce, basil and strawberries featured this month through Harvest of the month
 - Recent award: GOLD level “Turnip the beet” recognition from the USDA
 - Recognizes quality of menu prepared for our summer meals program
 - Purchased “share stations” to reduce food waste at lunch – will be available at each school to collect unwanted food
- VII. Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History Update (Chris Soriano)
- VIII. City of Santa Cruz Waste Reduction Update (Leslie O’Malley)
- IX. County of Santa Cruz Waste Reduction (Mary Ann LoBalbo)
- X. City of Santa Cruz Climate Action Program (Tiffany Wise-West)
- XI. Youth for Climate Justice Update (Pauline Seales)
- XII. Green Schools Working Group Update (Amity Sandage & Colin Jarvis)
- XIII. High School Recycle Club (Melissa Schilling)
- XIV. [Annual Report](#) (Hannah Weikel)
- XV. Adjournment

Future Meeting Dates 2023-24

None

Annual Report Submitted to the Board: 5/15/2024

Committee Members 2023-24

Jim Monreal, Asst. Supt. Business Services

Hannah Weikel, Executive Assistant

Dorothee Ledbetter, SCCS Teacher (AFE)

Keresha Durham, SCCS Teacher (ARK)

Melissa Schilling, SCCS Teacher (Harbor High Climate Justice Club)

Stu Branoff, SCCS Teacher (BayView)

Thien Hua, Elementary Principal (DeLaveaga)

Derek Kendall, Secondary Principal (Mission Hill Middle School)

Veronica Zahela, SCCS Librarian (SCHS)

Amy Hedrick-Farr, Director of Food Services & Nutrition

Trevor Miller, Maintenance and Operations Facility Services Director

Kyle Kelley, SCCS Trustee

John Owen, SCCS Trustee (Board President)

Amity Sandage, Santa Cruz County Office of Education

Tiffany Wise-West, City of Santa Cruz Climate Action Program

Leslie O'Malley, City of Santa Cruz Waste Reduction

Janice Kelly, City of Santa Cruz Waste Reduction

Cayley Soon, City of Santa Cruz Waste Reduction

Zeke Bean, City of Santa Cruz

Maryna Sedoryk, City of Santa Cruz

Christina Horvat, Santa Cruz County

Mary Ann LoBalbo, Santa Cruz County

Pauline Seales, Santa Cruz Climate Action Network and Youth for Climate Justice

Chris Soriano, Museum of Natural History