

SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS
GREEN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
October 19, 2023 starting at 4:00 pm

ZOOM LINK HERE:

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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 04/13/2023 Meeting ([Link to Minutes](#))
- III. Sustainability Update (Trevor Miller)
 - A. [Link to Presentation Here](#)
- IV. Food Services Update (Amy Hedrick-Farr)
- V. Environmental Studies at the Secondary Level (Derek Kendall)
 - Our Composting Club, which started last year, is up and running again this year. A team of students places compost bins in our covered eating area each day and monitors them to ensure proper food waste disposal.
 - Our Environmental Club is also back this year and being supervised by a new teacher advisor, Mr. Jason Smith, who has a background in water conservation and treatment. The club is planning beach clean-ups, conservation PSA's for our student run TV, and student rallies.
 - Last Thursday MHMS participated in the Walk and Roll to School event. Students who walked, cycled, skated, or scooted to school were greeted with refreshments and entered into a raffle to win prizes, including helmets.
 - October is Bicycle Safety Month. Our SCPD School Resource Officer has partnered with us to help enforce helmet use and basic rules of the road when cycling.
 - Mission Hill is anxiously awaiting the installation of new, energy efficient windows. The first of these will be installed this weekend in our auditorium, which is currently

one of our least energy efficient locations. The new windows will include new window coverings / shades that will add to their efficiency.

- I serve on the Vision 2030 Committee, and facilitate the Green School Subcommittee, which is specifically looking at simple and approachable ways to help sites reduce their energy usage. The subcommittee will make their recommendations to the Superintendent at the November 2 Vision 2030 meeting.

VI. Environmental Studies at the Elementary Level (Thien Hua)

VII. High School Recycle Club (Melissa Schilling)

VIII. Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History Update (Chris Soriano)

IX. City of Santa Cruz Waste Reduction Update (Leslie O'Malley and Cayley Soon)

X. Youth for Climate Justice Update (Pauline Seales)

XI. Green Schools Working Group Update (Amity Sandage)

XII. Seymour Discovery Center Update (Darus Jasper)

XIII. Adjournment

Future Meeting Dates 2023-24

1/18/2024

3/7/2024

4/18/2024

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

Committee Members 2023-24

Jim Monreal, Asst. Supt. Business Services

Kinsey Dickson, 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

Daris Jasper, Director of Engagement at the Seymour Discovery Center