

President's Climate Commitment Committee
Minutes- Monday, February 23, 2009

Attended: J. Steffano, J. Chirichiello, M. Norton, J. Lavine, P. Righi, M. Holster, P. Wasson, Y. Shaghghi

1. Acceptance of last meeting's minutes
2. Sub-committee reports (updates):
 - a. **Waste minimization**-We have a weekly pickup of cardboard. Computers and monitors have also been picked up this week.
 - b. **Green Building**-President Mary Fifield directed our committee to do whatever had to be done to get to the gold level. At this time we have 35 definite points, good vibes on 2 more, measurement and verification hopefully will be one more and educational component will hopefully give us 39 points needed to be "gold". Jo Dee mentioned Libby Dunphy is willing to participate with the educational component of one LEED point. Joe suggested when her schedule permits we can schedule a meeting with the LEED Architect for the new building to discuss the elements of the LEED point.
 - c. **Temperature set points policy**-still in place and working
 - d. **Procurement language for energy star products and waste minimization**-still waiting on the Business Office for a list of vendors.
 - e. **Web page**-up to date.
3. **Discuss upcoming action plan to implement and set date to achieving carbon neutrality**-
 - a. The committee had 5 responses to its college wide request for ideas; most of which we are already doing.
4. **Update on recommending the Climate Committee becoming a "Standing Committee"**.-
President Mary Fifield, by email, has asked our co-chairs to propose to the governance committee that the PCCC committee become a "Standing Committee".
5. **Recyclemania Update**-We are #284 out of 288 schools. We are last in Massachusetts.
6. **Webinars**- Joe and Jeff participated in a webinar and found it a waste of time. The particular session included several large companies who were just starting to address their carbon footprint. The general discussion was about estimating their travel carbon emissions and how to curtail it. BHCC is much further along in the process. We will be more diligent in future participations.
7. **Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. **Report on actions from last committee-** none
- b. **Discuss committee participation-**We welcome Melissa 😊

8. **Next meeting-**Monday, March 23, 2009 @2:15

9. **Adjournment-** 2:50

Respectfully submitted by John Chirichiello