

President's Climate Commitment & Sustainability Committee

Minutes-Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Attended: J. Steffano, M. Norton, W. Tafawa, Y. V. Rao, J. Chirichiello, J. Ginsberg

1. **Acceptance of minutes of last meeting-** Last meetings minutes accepted as submitted.
2. **Discuss appointments for new sub-committees.**

Discussion was deferred because there were not a sufficient number of attendees.

Update on the audit of our recycle program-The audit was completed. The committee recommended deferring implementation until the Director of Sustainability is hired. P. Righi provided a report stating that Recyclemania is a 10 week competition. Our results so far in the first two weeks which are trial weeks are as follows:

Week 1- 1835 lbs of trash recycled that is paper, cardboard, bottles and cans. No trash was hauled from our compactor this week.

Week 2-2170 lbs of trash recycled that is paper, cardboard, bottles and cans. 9780 lbs of trash was hauled from our compactor. So our percentage of recycled materials was 18.6%. That is compared with last year's number of 4.47%.

This second week places us in the middle of the pack among all schools nationwide. We need to be in the 50-60% range to be near the top.

3. **Report on strategies in GreenPACT that are being implemented in FY09-**
 - a. **Retro fitting 2000 fixtures in E-Building-**J. Steffano stated that it is 60% complete and we had our first rebate approved last month.
 - b. **Marketing program for "green cards" to offset emissions from college community vehicles-**The committee recommend defer ring this activity until Director of Sustainability is hired.
 - c. **Replace boiler #3-** The installation of the new boiler is completed, tested, accepted and operating.
 - d. **Installing sensors for ceiling fixtures-**One sample sensor was installed-audit concluded it was not cost effective in classrooms- we will have more tests and will be further evaluated.
 - e. **Upgrade the building management system-**The architecture upgrade of our building management system is completed and operating-we have two companies looking at ways to cut down on energy. We requested DCAM to audit our energy use for ways to reduce operating costs.
4. **Miscellaneous Items:**
 - a. **Report on actions from last meeting-**no actions
 - b. **Other-**DCAM paid fee and submitted our application for LEED gold certification for the Health & Wellness Center with 41 credits (requires 39 credits). Comments/acceptance from the Green Building Council on the documentation submitted for each credit is expected within 25 days.
5. **Next meeting:** Tuesday, March 2, 2010 in E-236, 1-2:15
6. **Adjournment-** 2:35

Respectfully submitted by John Chirichiello