

Green Advisory Committee Meeting of September 22, 2008 Notes

Members (x = Present)

Lauren Sabatini x	Leslie Airoa-Murveit x	Whitney Thwaite	Tara Berta x
Doe Myers	Karen Grove	Joyce Massaro x	Hy Murveit x
Virginia Chang Kiraly	Sue Sartor x	Gary Dillabough	Jen Thelen x
Bob Barrett x	Eric Hartwig x		

1. Eric apologized for not calling the first scheduled meeting of the year and firmed up the remaining dates for the year: Oct. 13, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 6, Feb.2, March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 1.
2. We discussed “Solar on a Stick” program by PG&E and agreed that it would blend into some of our classes quite well – 3rd grade and LE. Eric will send the link for this project to Sue Sartor and Whitney Thwaite. The link is <http://www.pge.com/mybusiness/environment/pge/solarschools/index.shtml> and can be reached by clicking.
3. We discussed Las Lomitas’ “Safe Routes to School” program –.
 - a) The educational piece about walking, not riding; site safety; and perhaps having a bicycle “event”
 - b) Developing save bike routes to the campus
 - c) Measuring the success of the program – how to measure? Perhaps the LE Green Club could help with this; Karen and Lucia could be contacted for this. Should we use tire counters? Sue will look into getting Atherton’s counter; Eric will check his “equipment” catalogue for such a device. It could be an educational project.
4. Air Conditioning Limiters: Joyce Massaro explained the thinking behind installing limiters. AC units can’t be lowered under 72 degrees, though some teachers want more chilling. Keeping doors closed is important. We could develop an “intentional” plan where schools would share the savings earned through conservation or better energy management.

Another option is to get a full energy audit. Eric will contact Bracken Richardson, who has some experience in this area. PG&E can also help with this if Bracken isn’t available.
5. Items for next meeting on October 13:
 - a) Develop a brief mission statement
 - b) Updates on current initiatives: Cool Campaign, Composting, Menlo Park Green Ribbon Task Force, Recycling, Environment Conservation Committee