

AISD 05-18-2022



AISD Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC)

May 18, 2022

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Agenda Item	Time
I. Welcome & Announcements	5:30-5:40
II. Public Comments*	5:40-5:50
III. Chair Elections	5:50-6:20
IV. Update: In-person vs. Virtual Meeting Survey	6:20-6:25
IV. Update: Purpose Statement and Bylaws	6:25-6:30
V. Subcommittee Breakout Groups	6:30-6:50
VI. Action Areas Updates	6:50-7:25
VII. Requests for Future Meeting Topics & Adjourn	7:25-7:30

Watch live: bit.ly/ESACvideo . The link is also posted on Twitter @AISDGreen



Tech Tips

1. “Rename” yourself in Zoom with your breakout room abbreviation and full name.
 - a. This also helps us document attendance.
2. We encourage you to use your video so we can see one another’s wonderful faces!
3. This webcast is being recorded and also broadcast on YouTube.
4. Please keep your microphone muted unless you are speaking. This helps minimize background noise.



Tech Tips

5. To ask a question:

- Please use the “raise hand” button to ask a question or provide a comment, or
- Indicate in the chat that you would like to ask a question.
- You will be called on to voice your question out loud so it can be captured in the recorded session.

6. *Operation: Pumpnickel!*



Public Comments

Visit austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/esac/meetings to submit public comments by noon the day of the meeting



Public Comments

Hello! We (Rhys Wilkinson and Mina Mashhoon) are representatives of Austin's Roots, which is a new community organization created by a group of UT Austin students; we've been in contact with Ms. Clary, and we're here to introduce ourselves and our project to the board. Our organization will work with Austin elementary and middle schools to create xeriscaped green spaces to teach students about practicing sustainability, wider environmental issues, and Texas' wealth of native plants via hands-on learning and guest speakers. We hope to act as a beautification, education, and sustainability project all in one-- without being a financial burden on our schools! Our group recently won the Liberal Arts Honors Envision Austin 2022 Competition, which, we've projected, grants us enough seed money to perform 2-4 installations at schools this upcoming school year. We're hoping to work with ESAC because by collaborating with the board's advocacy for sustainability within the district, we can provide our students with a very exciting opportunity to create and sustain their own xeriscaped green space. We look forward to working with you in the future!



Announcements





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CELEBRATION

AUSTIN YOUTH CLIMATE EQUITY COUNCIL



~ 2021-22 Virtual Showcase ~

TIME: 6 - 7:30PM

DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 19TH

LOCATION: [BIT.LY/AYCEC22](https://bit.ly/aycec22)



Goal: To celebrate and hear from youth's perspective and experiences on the council. Students will showcase their Community Impact Projects and engage in Q&A.



THANK
YOU

TONS OF ENERGY

AWARD



Rey Torres

FOR BEING A "BIG FAN" OF RENEWABLE ENERGY!

ESAC Leadership Team

May 18, 2022

TONS OF SUSTAINABLE FOOD

AWARD



Diane Grodek

FOR UNDERSTANDING HOW ORGANIC VEGETABLES DIE...NATURAL
CAUSES!

ESAC Leadership Team

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TONS OF ENVY

AWARD



Anne Muller

FOR THIS AWARD WE NEED ONE WORD...EUROPE!

ESAC Leadership Team

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TONS OF COMPOST

AWARD



Amanda Mortl-Walker

FOR ALWAYS DOING THIS WORK – EVEN THOUGH IT CAN BE “DEGRADING”

ESAC Leadership Team

May 18, 2022

TONS OF MILES

AWARD



Rob Borowski & Kris Hafezizadeh

FOR ALWAYS BEING SO ALERT EVEN WHEN WE KNOW YOU'RE BOTH
"EXHAUST"ED!

ESAC Leadership Team

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TONS OF ENGAGEMENT

AWARD



Noelle Bugaj

FOR BEING ON MORE SUB-COMMITTEES THAN ANYONE...SHE TRULY IS ON
A COMMITTEE ABOUT COMMITTEES!

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THE NOURISHING SOUL AWARD

is presented to

AIMEE AUBIN

For feeding our minds and hearts during
your time as ESAC Tri-chair.

MAY 2022

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Aimee Aubin

For your dedication to the Austin Independent School District
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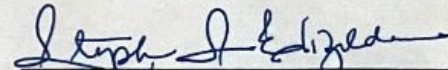
AWARDED
MAY 18, 2022



Darien Clary, Director of Sustainability
Austin Independent School District



Matias Segura, Chief of Operations
Austin Independent School District



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THE SLOTH AWARD

is presented to

MARY K. PRIDDY

for hang·ng onto the ESAC for so long!
Thank you for your near-decade of
dedication to & leadership in the ESAC!

MAY 2022



**ADOPTED
IN YOUR
NAM!**



**GROGU IS A THREE-FINGERED
SLOTH THAT WAS RESCUED AT
ONLY A COUPLE DAYS OLD FROM
HER MOTHER'S DEAD BODY.**

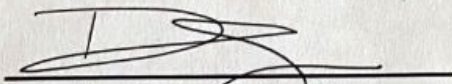
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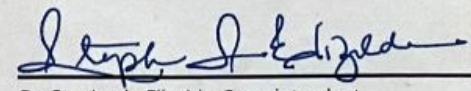
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ESAC Chair Elections!

Responsibilities:

- Plan direction and priorities for ESAC (with staff)
- Develop ESAC meeting agendas (with staff)
- Establish subcommittees (with staff)
- Lead all non-subcommittee ESAC meetings and enforce parliamentary procedures (subcommittee chairs lead their respective meetings).
- Represent the ESAC and sign on behalf of ESAC
 - Perform other ESAC-related responsibilities as requested by Superintendent or ESAC staff coordinators



ESAC Chair Elections!



THE NOMINEES



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Update: Purpose Statement and Bylaws Revisions



NEW ESAC Purpose Statement:



The purpose of the ESAC is to engage AISD students, staff, parents, and community members in advancing environmental education and sustainable operations that support resilient, healthy, and equitable school communities.

What now?

Bylaw revisions for responsibilities, subcommittees, terms of service and membership.





EQUITY & ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Stay Informed

- Extended timeline- Revisions continue into summer
- Draft revisions shared with AISD Intergovernmental Affairs and Tri-chairs for feedback
- Finalizing draft
- Be on the lookout for feedback requests, we value your input!

Bi-weekly, Tuesdays 4:15pm. Open call to join us!



Have Questions?

Darien Clary: darien.clary@austinisd.org

Noelle Bugaj:



Breakout Groups

Intro: Aimee Aubin, Jen Cregar, Mary Priddy



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back!

Subcommittees are currently in breakout groups discussing their activities.

**We'll be back around
6:50pm.**



Activity Updates

Energy & Water | Rey Torres & Ana Echeverria

Nature | Anne Muller

Food | Diane Grodek

Transportation & Air Quality | Rob Borowski & Kris Hafezizadeh

Zero Waste & Procurement | Amanda Mortl

Equity & Community Engagement | Noelle Bugaj

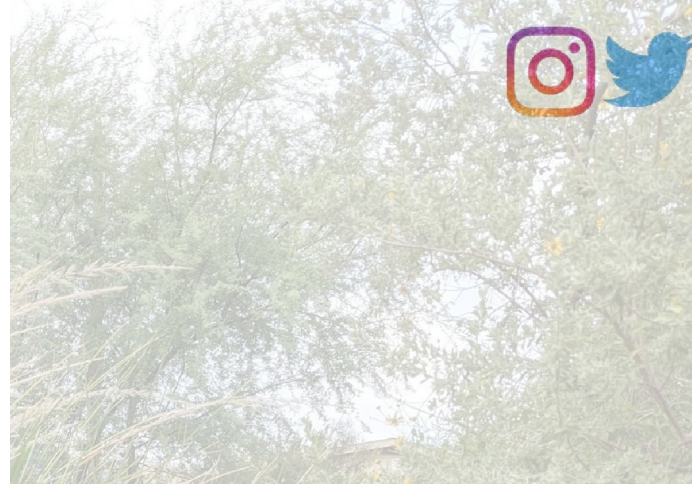
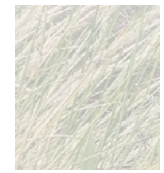


Energy & Water Update

Rey Torres

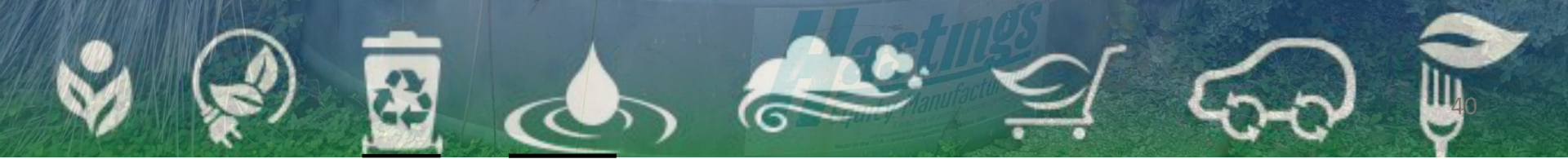






Nature Update

Anne Vluller



Nature Updates

Discovery Hill

Goal 1 (Policy)- ILA landscape standard, EdSpecs and Joint Use Agreement updates (P)

Goal 2 (Infrastructure)- PARD amenities, limestone blocks

Goal 3 (Activation)- Girls Outside, EcoRise Sustainable Schools Course, Green Administrator Cohort, Urban Forest Grant, Discovery Hill

Goal 4 (Land Management)- Tree Planting



Application is open for the AISD Outdoor Learning Specialist Position



Food Update

Diane Grodek



Wrapping up 2022 - Planning for 2023

- Yesterday was our Annual Sliced and Diced Competition at ACC Highland with our Middle School Culinary students. The winning burrito winner was Kealing Middle School!
- In May we began work with the Humane Society to track our plant based options. With this measurable data we can work to increase our options with each new season. (We always offer a vegetarian option, but it may not always be plant-based.)
- We made a tracker for our dish machine use to determine which schools are not using dishwashers at all, are using them some, do not have dishwashers, or have dishwashers in disrepair. Again, this gives us a chance to track improvements with each season
- We will be serving meals at 70 locations this Summer, healthy eating is year round!



- We have planned menus for SY22-SY23 and will be offering self serve, bulk raw veggies and fruits at all locations, eliminating most of the single-use containers once used for these menu items
- We have completed a bid for additional squeeze bottles and sauce dispensers to support our self service condiments initiative, which also reduces single use containers
- We have a few fun end of the year recipes for the Spring cycle like these refreshing housemade Strawberry Sorbets, a Spicy Chicken Sandwich, and Chili with Cornbread



Transportation & Air Quality Update

Justo Ramirez & Rob Borowski





Zero Waste & Procurement Update

Amanda Mortl



- Zero Waste Block Leaders “for kids”
- Share platform feasibility
- Eco-team development
- Thank you’s and Transitions



Equity & Community Engagement

Noelle Bugaj





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You already heard from us!





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