



Climate Change, Environment and Sustainability Subcommittee

Remote

July 27, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Open Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Chair Geoffrey Epstein, Adam Freudberg, William LaBarge, Priscila Sousa*

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Tremblay, Student Advisory Chair Nilufar Noorian, FHS Environmental Club Advisors Rebecca Maynard and Emily Rathmell, FHS Environmental Club members Emma Rothwell, Gared Wong, and Alisha Atighetchi, Executive Assistant to the School Committee Joanna Hastry

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. He noted all in attendance and said that the meeting was being held remotely, was being broadcast live on Facebook, and was also being recorded.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Climate Change, Environment and Sustainability Policy Considerations

Mr. Epstein gave background information on looking to create an environmental policy, spoke about the civic engagement of students on this topic and wanting to have students' voices when developing a policy, and including the Student Advisory Chair and FHS Environmental Club members in today's meeting to begin the discussions. Discussion included how to organize the development of a policy with a goal to have it approved by the end of the year, possibilities of hyperlinking the new policy to existing policies, such as the Electric Vehicle policy, possible policy topics, possibility of having the District be part of the program to be a certified sustainable District and evaluate what aspects may need to be worked on, and ways in which to incorporate more student voice.

Discussion on next steps including Dr. Tremblay creating a draft document on action steps to be shared with all in this meeting, Mr. Epstein and Mr. Freudberg to work on a draft policy outline, planning for a High School Town Hall to discuss and get feedback from a large amount of students, a survey to be sent out as follow up to students, shared folders to be created for everyone to add ideas and input for a policy, and the Student Advisory Club and FHS Environmental Club members to send out a survey of what students already know about environmental topics and what they would like to learn more about to be presented at a future School Committee meeting.

*Ms. Sousa left the meeting at 5:02 p.m. and rejoined at 5:21 p.m.

Approval of Minutes and Adjournment

Motion: To approve the minutes of January 27, 2021 and adjourn.

Moved: Mr. LaBarge **Seconded:** Mr. Freudberg **Roll Call Vote:** Unanimous (4-0-0)
(Yes: Freudberg, Epstein, LaBarge)

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Materials

Agenda

EBACA - ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Policy Scope Item List

Email from Adam Freudberg with Climate Change Policy Options

January 27, 2021 Draft Minutes

These minutes were approved by the Climate Change, Environment, and Sustainability Subcommittee in Open Session on December 13, 2021.

These minutes were sent to the City of Framingham for posting on December 16, 2021.