

Draft PC Green Committee Minutes

Nov. 13, 2007

Present: James Sousa, Cynthia Parker, Andrea Villarreal, Marty Minton, Marty Welter, Tom Arnold, Guadalupe Candanedo, Ginny Cummins, Jody Brabec, Timothy Bryan, Pam Miller and Linda Soland

1. PC Green Newsletter

Guadalupe presented and led a discussion on the creation of a new PC Green newsletter. The committee voted to name the newsletter *Bears Goes Green* and to publish electronically once a month. A suggestion was made to focus on one topic per issue and to present tips and facts on that topic. Guadalupe volunteered to edit and publish the newsletter. She asked all committee members to email her material. Guadalupe also volunteered to up-date the PC Green website.

2. Update on recycling.

James reported that we should know by Nov. 15th if we will be awarded the Coke Cola grant. The following information was shared concerning vendor for our plastic and aluminum recyclables:

Allied Waste is the only vendor found that will take mixed recyclables. All others want the materials sorted. These are the options for fees:

1. 1 6 yd container weekly - \$51/month
2. 1 8 yd container weekly - \$69/month
3. 2 8 yd containers weekly - \$138/month

FYI: We pay a school rate for trash of 92.50 for a 4 yd container picked up 2 times weekly.

3. PC Green Account

Pam reported that the PC Green has \$1,034 in a school rollover account. Revenue comes from recycling cardboard; we receive \$50 per bale. Rent for the baler, \$200 per month, comes from M&O's budget. Ginny reported that a former PC employee, Marlene Strickland, started this program.

4. Recycle Paper/Trash container labeling.

Jody suggested improving the labeling on recycling contains around campus in an effort to increase proper usage. We will follow-up on this at a latter date.

5. PC Carpool

Jody proposed and volunteered to create a local online interest form in an effort to increase carpooling on campus.

6. Reusable water bottles and bags.

Marty Welter is still investigating polycarbonate water bottles and will report back at a latter date. Logistics of setting up a campus water station were discussed.

7. Focus the Nation

Linda will research movie titles other than *An Inconvenient Truth* to show for a Focus the Nation day event. One suggestion was a recent Discovery Channel movie narrated by Tom Brokaw.

8. Tour of existing recycling efforts.

Tom led the committee on a tour of campus recycling programs. PC recycles: paper, cardboard, motor oil, batteries, neon light bulbs, old furniture, and wooden pallets. Leave blowers are not used on high pollution advisory days.

Next meeting, if needed, will be Tue., Dec. 1st at 1pm.

Minutes by Linda Soland