



GREEN COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING

Monday, August 6, 2024

3:30 p.m. Virtual

Committee Members: Elizabeth Fiore, Chair
Paulo Lopes

Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent
Jason M. Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary

The Green Planning Leadership Team holds this meeting annually in the Summer to set focus for the coming year.

1. Strategic Focus for 2024-2025 School Year - The committee brainstormed the following focus areas:
 - Pillar I: Reduce environmental impact and costs
 - Focus: Referendum (reducing waste, recycle/reuse materials, energy efficient building practices, sustainability curriculum infusion) AND Solar Expansion (goal of installing solar in all 4 schools).
 - Pillar II: Improve the health and wellness of schools, students, and staff
 - Focus: Communication of Sustainability Projects and Goals (i.e. RMS EcoNews grant 10K, inclusion in newsletters with Green events and projects, 4th Grade Field trip in collaboration with Township's WaterWatch Committee).
 - Pillar III: Provide environmental education (STEM, civic skills, green career pathways, etc.)
 - Focus: Sustainable Jersey recertification due in Spring 2025 (update policies for certification such as Wellness Policy, pilot electric school buses, nutrition program offering breakfast, reduce mowing of green spaces, etc.)
2. Solar Array Expansion Update - Jason Bohm gave an update on the solar array expansion project. He is currently negotiating with two vendors and will send along proposals to the Solar Ad Hoc Committee.
3. Electric School Bus Grants / Finance Committee - The district is piloting 1 electric school bus and has the opportunity to add 2 additional buses to the fleet. Further discussions are taking place.
4. Our next Green Committee meeting shall be held in the fall of 2024. Meeting invitations shall be sent out for the full school year.