

School Committee Climate and Sustainability Task Force  
January 16, 2025  
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM  
Town Hall, School Committee Room and Remote via Zoom

*Climate and Sustainability Task Force members present:* Dr. Steven Ehrenberg, Loren Stolow, Doron Bracha, Sasha Palmer, Min Song, Deane Coady, Toby Sillman, Christi Electris (remote), Eric Colburn (remote) Layla Noubir (remote), Matthew Yamatin (remote), Roger Grande (remote) and Tia Percheva (remote).

The Task Force previously presented their recommendations to the School Committee on December 5, 2024. The agenda for this meeting was:

1. Discussion of the Task Force's Final Written Report
2. Discussion of Continued Advocacy of Task Force Recommendations

Members agreed to prepare their final written reports and share them with Dr. Ehrenberg. He will share the final report with Ms. Fitzpatrick who will publish it on the School Committee's webpage.

Members discussed various ideas for continued advocacy of their recommendations, including continued petitioning of and meetings with the School Committee, presenting and advocating to other town boards (such as the Select Board), partnering with community groups who are already working on climate and sustainability issues (e.g., Mothers Out Front, Zero Admissions Advisory Board), activating students who are involved in climate and sustainability clubs at BHS, and collaborating with school administrators, curriculum coordinators and town staff. Members discussed the idea of prioritizing their recommendations, and perhaps focusing on those recommendations that are budget neutral. Members discussed creating indicators of environmental progress, to demonstrate the results that might be achieved from launching these important recommendations. Members considered the idea of creating a Green Report Card to show the larger community the district's progress in advancing these important recommendations. Members discussed broader civic participation, including a presentation to the Brookline Parents Organization.

Dr. Ehrenberg discussed the possible mandate for the task force going forward, perhaps to become more of an Advisory Committee to the School Committee. He will present a proposed mandate to the School Committee for consideration.

A recording of this meeting is available at this link:

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