

Public Schools of Brookline  
Climate and Sustainability Task Force  
March 20, 2024  
7:00pm to 7:55pm  
~Meeting Summary~

The work group leaders of the Climate and Sustainability Task Force met for a coordination meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. In attendance were: Steven Ehrenberg, Roger Grande, Sasha Palmer, Deane Coady, Matthew Yamatin, Rebeca Salguero and Eric Colburn.

The four work groups of the Task Force are:

- Work Group 1: Education and Engagement (Roger Grande)
- Work Group 2: Energy, Buildings, and Outdoor Spaces (Matthew Yamatin)
- Work Group 3: Food Services and Waste (Deane Coady)
- Work Group 4: Transportation (Eric Colburn)

The goal of the meeting was to continue to review Phase 1 work (*inventory town assets - initiatives, organizations, activities, investments, funded positions - already working in the area, identifying those that PSB can partner with, leverage, or scale to achieve relevant objectives of the Sustainability Policy*) and discuss the parameters and format for Phase 2 (*issue recommendations for PSB actions - such as further policies, coordination mechanisms, or investments - to achieve relevant objectives of the Sustainability Policy*).

Mr. Grande provided an update on the Education and Engagement Work Group. He reported that the work group has received 109 responses to their staff survey, from a wide range of educators across schools and by grade level. The survey remains open, and the Work Group expects additional responses. Mr. Grande also shared the responses to his annual BHS student sustainability survey.

Mr. Yamatin provided an update on the activities of the Energy, Buildings and Outdoor Spaces Work Group. They had a very productive meeting with Charlie Simmons, Director of Public Buildings for the Town of Brookline. Mr. Simmons shared various data sets that the Work Group is analyzing. Mr. Yamatin shared the draft inventory report for Work Group 2, including data, trends, and findings.

Dr. Ehrenberg discussed Phase 2: the Recommendations Phase. Each recommendation should have an intended outcome (short-term, long-term), and a timeline. Dr. Ehrenberg will share a template. The group discussed the following ideas to share the recommendations: in the spring, the Work Groups will present to the school subcommittees and, possibly, to other affinity groups; the culminating presentation will be docketed before the full School Committee in the fall; possibly scheduling an open forum to share the recommendations and engage with community partners. Another coordination meeting for the Task Force will be scheduled for May.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

A recording of the meeting is available on the Brookline Interactive Group website at this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEImfwaDI08>