

Austin Independent School District

**Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

May 23, 2018
5:30 7:30 pm

Carruth Administration Center, 1111 W. 6th Street, Board Auditorium

Attendees

Members in Attendance

Minutes

I. Welcome and Approval of Minutes

The ESAC Co-chair Matthew Nelson facilitated the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. The ESAC member, Sherry Lepine, motioned to approve the January and March meeting minutes, seconded by Mary Priddy. The meeting minutes were approved with no modifications. Matthew Nelson also welcomed new member, Aimee Aubin.

II. Citizens Communication & Announcements

There were no citizens communications.

III. Elections

In advance of the elections, Matthew Nelson reminded the ESAC members that Tri-chair responsibilities included working with AISD staff to plan the direction and priorities of the ESAC; develop meeting agendas; establish subcommittees; lead meetings and enforce procedures; represent and sign on the behalf of the ESAC; perform other duties as requested by the Superintendent or staff coordinator. The nominees were announced in each category: Community Member Nominee, Mary Priddy, and AISD Employee Nominee, Dr. Sherry Lepine. Both candidates gave a few remarks regarding their candidacy. Mary Priddy noted that she had been a long-time ESAC member since 2010 and has enjoyed serving on the ESAC leadership as co-chair for the previous two years. She also served on the Transportation and Air Quality subcommittee and has previous experience as an AISD teacher. Dr. Sherry Lepine has also served the ESAC since 2010 and was the Green Tech Academy Director at Clint Small Middle School. She also serves on the board of the Central Texas Garden Network and is a firm believer in the power of public education to change the world. Voting then took place and both candidates were elected to serve May 2018- May 2020.

IV. Remarks and Award Presentations

Austin ISD Executive Director of Facilities, Paul Turner, hosted the Awards presentations to the ESAC members. Members receiving recognition for perfect attendance included Lonnie Sclerandi, Richard Shearman, Dub Taylor, Jessica Wilson, Sherry Lepine, Matthew Nelson, and Mary Priddy. Subcommittees were then awarded for their efforts to implement the AUSD Sustainability community engagement series. The Energy and Water subcommittee received

also had the most participants in a single event, for they engaged 145 community members at

Quality subcommittee for their ability to infiltrate City of Austin events to collect public feedback.

The Food and Nature su

the community engagement activity at more events than any other subcommittee. They took the posters to 6 events and engaged over 250 people. The Waste and Procurement subcommittee received

community engagement session at the Gus Garcia Family Info Night event.

AISD Sustainability Manager, Darien Clary, then gave special recognition to two outgoing members of the ESAC: Co-chair, Matthew Nelson, and AISD Executive Director of Facilities,

AISD employees had submitted about Paul Turner and Matthew Nelson in honor of the occasion. The ESAC took a group photo at the end of the awards.

V. AISD Sustainability Updates

AISD Sustainability Manager, Darien Clary announced that there would be a strategic planning meeting this summer for the new Tri-chairs and subcommittee leaders, date to be determined

elementary student. The winner won a visit from the Nacho Average Food Truck for their school. Darien Clary then discussed the status of the Sustainability Plan Draft, a complete copy of which was emailed to all ESAC members in advance of the meeting. The document includes the history and organizational stru

surprised to see that so many schools have ponds (n=77). This data helps AISD and community partners know what features are in use so they can develop support and professional development regarding maintenance and opportunities for curriculum and outdoor learning.

They implemented the community engagement activity at the Sustainable Food Center Family