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OUSD Sustainability Advisory Council 9/22/2021



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Ask of the Board

- We ask the Board to receive this report as an update on the progress of the Sustainability Advisory Council (S-A-C)
- The Board adopted the Climate Emergency Action Resolution No. 2021-0081, on October 28th, 2020, which established the S-A-C responsible for developing a Climate Action and Sustainability policy and ultimately, a comprehensive District-wide Sustainability Plan

Outline

- What is the Sustainability Advisory Council (S-A-C)
- Barriers and Challenges in doing the work
- The Values and Successes of the S-A-C
- Structure and Future Goals

What is the Sustainability Advisory Council (SAC)?

October 2020

- Climate Emergency Action Resolution Approved
- OUSD Sustainability Advisory Council (SAC) Established

March 2021

- SAC Kickoff with 46 members (!)
- Youth + Adult EJ Facilitation Team
- Members: students, teachers, parents, non-profit leaders, and community members - **More students welcome to join (!)**

August 2021

- Coordinated 10 Council Meetings to date
- Coordinated with the ACC to enhance student engagement

By the End of this School Year

- We will draft and propose a district-wide, anti-racist, holistic, ecological sustainability policy for Board consideration



It's NOT just about the environment

Barriers and Challenges In Doing The Good Work

- ❖ COVID-19
- ❖ Economic Crisis
- ❖ Technology
- ❖ Capacity
- ❖ Scheduling

The Values and Successes of the SAC

- ❖ We established an inter-generational, diverse council of stakeholders throughout the 7 Districts of OUSD.
- ❖ We are committed to be a youth-centered organization, and we strive to always put the student voice as the focus of our decision-making and facilitation.
- ❖ We seek consensus to engage in Free, Prior and Informed Consent of Confederated Villages of Lisjan and have sent a letter to Sogorea Te' Land Trust requesting their input on this council's work.
- ❖ We continuously evaluate who is at the table and who is not. Our intent is to always be mindful and ensure equitable representation on this council.

Structure and Future Goals

Successes

1. Creating subcommittees
 - a. Youth Committee, Coordinating Committee, Outreach Committee
2. Self-organized into focus groups
 - a. Energy, Water, Waste, Transportation, Facilities, Purchasing, Revolving Fund, Schoolyards, Curriculum Enhancement, Food Systems/Nutrition, and Adaptation.

Current Focus

1. Working to establish sustainability “baselines” for all areas of focus.
2. Reviewing relevant district policy and considering sustainability policy positions.
3. Beginning to work on developing the Interdepartmental Task Force.
4. Learning how to adapt to a majority in-person district again.

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Thank you for your time receiving this report.

- **Please reach out if you would like to engage in, support or promote this work in any way, your partnership is critical to our success.**

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