

Annual Report to the PPS School Board

Climate Crisis Response Committee (CRCC)

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CRCC



Advises the Portland Public Schools Board of Education on implementation of the Climate Crisis Response, Climate Justice and Sustainable Practices Policy



Monitors effective implementation, provides transparency, and tracks progress on the Policy

CRCC Responsibilities

Reports and Data

- Receives regular reports and data from PPS Staff on the current status and planned implementation of the Policy goals and directives, including the impact of the policy implementation on frontline communities

Status and Implementation

- Determines whether such status and implementation are consistent with the identified goals of the Policy

Findings and Recommendations

- Shares written findings with the Board on at least an annual basis, and may make recommendations to the Board as part of its work

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Committee Members

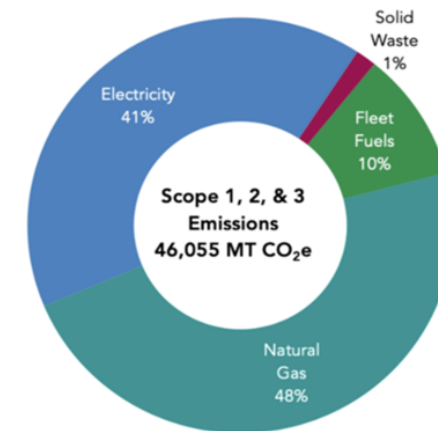
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Reports & Data

Figure 1. Sample Portion of PPS Project Management Dashboard

Pillar	Goal	Strategy	Stage	Status	Connection to Sub-Goals	Anticipated Project Completion Date
Foundational	Building the system and foundation to move the policy forward	0.1 GHG Analysis, using consultant	Implement	Complete	Foundational	December, 2022
		0.2 Administrative Directive	Pre-Work	On Track	Foundational	July, 2023
		0.3 Hire a Climate Justice Advisor	Implement	Complete	Foundational	June, 2022
		0.4 Create the Climate Crisis Response Committee, as directed by the policy	Implement	Complete	Foundational	October, 2022
		0.5 Create a standing meeting for all heads of involved departments	Implement	On Track	Foundational	Ongoing
		0.6 ECONorthwest Scope - Define Policy baseline data and indicators for measuring progress		On Track	Foundational	June, 2023
		0.7 Create a public-facing dashboard to track Policy progress	Ideate	On Track	Foundational	July, 2023

Figure 2. PPS Emissions by Category (Source: Good Company 2022 PPS Operational GHG Inventory Report)



- Project Management Dashboard created
- Greenhouse Gas Inventory completed
- Evaluation Plan under development

Status & Implementation

Highlights of Staff Implementation

Climate Justice Advisor hired

Project Management Dashboard developed

Greenhouse Gas Inventory completed

Evaluation Plan commissioned

Youth Climate Summit held

Updating design standards

Reducing solid waste

Expanding green schoolyards

Highlights of Committee Oversight Efforts

Committee created

Six meetings in FY22/23

Appointed Chair

Term extension for one-year members

Formed Working Groups

- Dashboard
- Community Engagement
- Board Report

Findings & Recommendations

1. Continue using and developing the project management dashboard and provide more information in specific areas

- Continue to refine Project Management Dashboard
- Create Community Dashboard
- Include data and discussion about climate justice and frontline communities
- Discuss at Committee next FY
 - Purchasing
 - Curriculum
 - Financial plan
 - Building plan

Findings & Recommendations - Continued

2. Augment organization leadership and development, and accelerate pace of implementation

- Provide more resources to Climate Justice Advisor
- Share a staffing plan, with complementary funding plan
- Continue support by School Board and senior staff

Findings & Recommendations - Continued

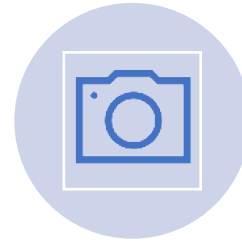
3. Enhance transparency around Policy implementation progress

- Build out centralized website
- Boost transparency in development of major projects

Conclusion



PPS made a genuine effort to implement the Policy



Several major milestones achieved



Building organization capacity and processes takes time



Current pace, rate, and scale not likely sufficient to meet the Policy's goals



Need to accelerate

Questions



Appendix



Committee Findings & Recommendations

The Committee has three findings and recommendations to share

1

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2

Augment organizational leadership and development, and accelerate pace of implementation

3

Enhance transparency around Policy implementation progress