

Hello all! Hope you had a great week-end and are looking forward to the TG holiday. Below are notes from last week's meeting. Our next meeting will take place on December 20th and will be a hybrid one.

Thanks!

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Welcome new attendees: David Belcasto, Rachel Cohen

John Eickenberry, Rachel Cohen, Ashley Harvey, Rachael Rice, Kathleen Hayden, Addison Helon, Natalie Cohen, Alina Lackey, Rebecca Ness, Elizabeth Ellman, Steve and Joanne Grossman, Jeremy Handler

Updates:

Bexley City Schools – John Eickenberry:

Recycling update - Anya Hoyt has contacted SWACO to obtain recycling bins for the cafeterias and replacement recycling bins for classrooms. SWACO will provide training to the Bexley staff and volunteers. This contract is related to container recycling (not food).

A question was asked in discussion about the feasibility to provide food composting in Bexley city schools. This initiative has been explored in the recent past, and is not feasible at present due to budget and labor. In addition to the ongoing engagement on education driven by Elizabeth Ellman, the district will continue to develop ESAC programming into their educational platforms as they perform their departmental course programming reviews. John is our point of contact for future feasibility, and continues to share information regarding ESAC priorities with the school superintendent and with the school district's administration.

Addison and Alina: Trash pick-up throughout the community, ongoing student led project. Tote bags for sale to support the initiative.

CSG – Corey Baker:

Food composting has been rolled to all sections of the school. Ongoing education provided to students (live - during lunch hour). Only compost in the dining room at present. Evaluating feasibility to extend to other areas of campus. Follow up has been provided live, and also using signage indicating exactly what was compostable based on the planned menu.

Recycling provider - CSG is shifting their contract from SWACO to RUMPKE. Due to a pause in the school's program he anticipates that training will be needed to restart.

Pumpkin pick-up Compost Clubhouse is providing the service again this year. This was handled through a grant last year, and is paid by CSG this year.

Clothing - Rewear campaign for formalwear - This is a student-led initiative. Discussion of a formal swap among Capital, CSG, and Bexley. Lisa G to follow up with ESAC student representatives after TG.

Capital University – Ashley Harvey and Rachael Rice:

- Current focus is on education of students about composting and sustainability. Incoming freshmen have been observed to be in need of basic knowledge. Desire to incorporate sustainability information as part of initial onboarding curriculum of incoming students. Working with David Belcasto to potentially use the annual September assigned book (read by the entire incoming class) to include sustainability as part of a core curriculum (ie sustainable September; author of chosen book typically attends and speaks at event). Team working to collaborate to scale partnership on sustainability initiatives in general and also to establish Capital as a green campus. Crafting specific agenda to review with provost of Capital.
- Tree planting service project being actioned this week-end at the Primmer outdoor learning center. Interest in similar focus on the trinity lutheran property which is part of the Capital campus.

Chamber of Commerce – Lori Ann Feibel: No update

City of Bexley - Elizabeth Ellman:

- OSU student led community event last Wednesday on GHG emissions reduction (Climate Action Plan) at the city (Bexley) level. Members of ESAC will be needed conduct research and draft the document for the City of Bexley. [IF YOU HAVE INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING PLS WRITE TO LISA GOLDSAND AND ELIZABETH ELLMAN](#)
- Here is the link to Rapid 5, for which Amy Acton is the CEO
<https://www.rapid5.org/>
- Alina Lackey's Global Scholar project - initiative to rescue food left over in Bexley City Schools. Looking forward to hearing more from Alina at later meetings!
- Universal recycling is in the works. Working on an RFP for recycling at apartments and businesses.
- Continuing education - Ongoing engagement with 4th grade at Montrose and Maryland. Plan is to extend to Cassingham in future. Engagement is monthly - 30 minutes each class room. Potential science fair event in the spring when students will share what they have learned. Updates to be provided.
- SWACO is interested in sponsoring a food recycling awareness program. Discussion about whether SWACO is willing to fund Bexley's food waste initiative rather than their own. TBD.
- Potential grant for use within Bexley to address food waste in restaurants: Elizabeth has worked on this concept before and has previously worked on a grant through SWACO which wasn't funded. ReRED is an upcoming opportunity, and Bexley Resident and OSU researcher Brian Roe is part of the committee.
- There is a potential grant from Franklin soil and water conservation district for \$1000 - use must relate to soil and water. One idea is rentable xmas trees. EE to conduct additional research. Any other ideas for this grant are welcome. Rain barrels was another idea to explore.
[IF YOU HAVE IDEAS TO PROPOSE FOR THIS GRANT PLEASE SHARE THEM WITH ELIZABETH!!](#)
- Lesli M - participation in the chamber holiday hop. Scavenger hunt and similar activities.
- MORPC community event (city groups meeting on shared initiatives) - Date of next event to be shared with the committee once available. Open to the public.

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