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Sanchez Elementary School | Sanchez Elementary School | 73 San Marcos Street  
Austin, TX 78723  
September 19, 2024 | 5:30-7:30 pm

The AISD Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee met at Sanchez Elementary School on September 19, 2024 to consider, discuss, and take action on the items listed in the agenda. These meeting minutes are supplemented by the meeting materials, which can be accessed on the [\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](#)

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## I. Optional Green Building Tour

Members were invited to arrive early to the meeting for an optional Green Building Tour of Sanchez Elementary School. 7 Members joined the tour, led by ESAC Co-chair, Jeff Wacker and AISD Director of Sustainability, Darien Clary. Sanchez Elementary was recently constructed as part of the 2017 AISD Bond program, and received a Three-star rating from the Austin Energy Green Building Program.

## II. Welcome & Connect

Jeff Wacker, ESAC Co-chair, called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm. ESAC Co-chair Jeff Wacker, Co-chair Monique Beacham, AISD Director of Sustainability, Darien Clary introduced themselves and welcomed members to do the same. Jeff Wacker then led an icebreaker activity, then reviewed the ESAC purpose, shared reminders, and reviewed the meeting agenda. See meeting slides 2-8 for additional information.

Melody Alcazar motioned to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2024 ESAC meeting, Bobby Sandoval seconded the motion, and a majority of ESAC members passed the motion at 5:57 pm.

## III. Public Comments & Announcements

Nancy Hohengarten of the \_\_\_\_\_ introduced herself, shared information about her organization, and stated that would like to work more closely with schools to reduce plastic use in the schools and address recycling issues. ESAC Zero Waste working Group Leader, Lavanya Selvam Alli, said she will be happy to connect and would welcome Ms. Hohengarten to participate in the Zero Waste Working Group conversation. See meeting slides 9-11 for additional information.

## IV. AISD Budget Committee Updates

ESAC Members and Liaison to the AISD Ad Hoc Joint Budget Committee, Catherine Martinez, updated members. There have been four meetings, but they have not had much traction, and there is concern among the Ad Hoc Joint Budget Committee members that the meetings are not truly engaging members authentically. The next committee meeting will be on September 24th, and all meetings are open to the public. ESAC members are encouraged to attend and become informed and aware. Ms. Martinez shared the topics the committee will explore and noted that there was especially concern for closing schools.

ESAC members then began a discussion about the current budget, Proposition A, and Recapture. Members shared that trustees are speaking with PTAs about these topics, and Ms. Clary offered to invite an AISD trustee to speak about Recapture at the next ESAC meeting. Members agreed this would be helpful. Ms. Clary also said she would send a follow up email to members with information and resources about the AISD Ad Hoc Joint Budget Committee and AISD's website links about Proposition A and Recapture. See meeting slide 18 for additional information.

## V: ESAC & Strategic Planning Recap

ESAC. Co-chair, Jeff Wacker, thanked ESAC members who participated in the optional Strategic Planning meeting on August 30th, 2024. About 20 members joined to consider what has been going well, areas for improvement, and general priorities for the upcoming year. Mr. Wacker shared that there are currently open voting positions for non-teaching staff, and encouraged members to reach out

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leadership would follow up with next steps about working groups. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.