



# Green Team Committee Minutes

Wednesday, May 11, 2010, 7:00pm

*Meetings end at 8:30pm unless the committee votes to end earlier or extend the time*

Hamilton Senior High School Cafeteria

2955 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034

## I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. **Committee Members:** Paula Waxman, Larry Hess, Barry Levine, Bette Billet, Saran Kirschbaum, Phyllis Rothman, Veronica Cabello, Sherilyn Correa
- b. **Committee Members Present:** Paula Waxman, Larry Hess, Barry Levine, Bette Billet
- c. **Committee Members Absent:** Sherilyn Correa
- d. **Vote in new members:** Anne Sutton, Karen Smith-Laramay, Marie Trapnell, Karen Antholis, Charmaine Colina, Anne Geffner
  - i. All new members voted in.

## II. General Public Comment

- a. No General Public Comments

## III. New Business

- a. Report from our schools:
  - i. Canfield Elementary (Karen Antholis)
    - Gardens: The school has a little garden for kindergarten students and a larger garden for the older students. They have fruit trees and now a new garden to grow food. 15 parents participate in the community garden.
    - Fresh Fruit Friday. Fresh produce donated to the school. Kids get out early and learn about and eat the fruit.
    - All landscaping is sustainable.
    - Trash Free Lunch: Students are encouraged to bring cloth napkins. Garbage cans are turned over, except for 4 which are labeled: Landfill, Compost, Recycling, Worm Bin. The students are taught to put waste in its' proper place. Students have assigned table and clean up after their lunch. Some of the teachers get involved in volunteering for the Trash Free Lunch.
    - TerraCyle. The school collects juice packs and mails them to TerraCyle who makes things out of them. (example: a notebook). [www.terracycle.net](http://www.terracycle.net)
    - Recycling. PAPEG.com collects the schools recycling and pays for the cans. With money earned, they bought reusable water bottles. They earned about \$1500 over the year from recycled materials.
    - Canfield also creates the world's biggest salad, which is made in a kiddie pool. This event takes place during the earth week.
  - ii. Castle Heights Elementary (Charmaine Colina)
    - i. Castle Heights doesn't have a green team. Instead they consider it a green school.
    - ii. Blue Bin Recycling Program: They have investigated how to recycle and get money for the products. "Cardboard, Plastic, etc..." The most recent event was the first time they had students bring in everything to recycle.
    - iii. Gardening Program: The students eat the food they grow.
    - iv. Earthweek: Compost tee, Worm Bins, very creative Eco learning games.
    - v. No-Copy: Students are encouraged not to make paper copies.

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- vi. Fieldtrips:
  - Tree People. Was a success.
  - Ocean Day Clean up: They will be participating in this upcoming event.
- vii. Charmaine handles all the green team events and programs. There are about 15 volunteers for the EcoFair, and about 8 volunteers come out to volunteer in the garden.
- c. Green Beginning Pre-School (Veronica Cabello)
  - i. The first mission of the school is to promote green thinking. They celebrate earth day once a week. Teaching the kids to recycle, to think green, will teach the parents more.
  - ii. Veronica wanted the school to get LEEDS certified, but pre-schools aren't eligible. They built the school to the LEED standards anyway.
  - iii. Zero Trash: This is an everyday policy, which parents are aware of.
  - iv. They planted over 50 trees.
  - v. They try not to purchase things, but instead to reuse everything.
  - vi. Drinking fountain drains into the vegetable bed.
  - vii. One motto is making disposable reusable. Furniture is purchased used. An old door becomes a desk.
- d. Outstanding Green Citizenship Awardee: Veronica Cabello
- e. Shenandoah Elementary (Anne Sutton)
  - i. 2009 Green Team established.
  - ii. Tree Planting Beautification: Parents volunteered for planting. Teams were created for watering. However, finding teachers to volunteer for watering has not been that easy.
  - iii. Shenandoah participates in Fresh Fruit Friday.
  - iv. Recycling: Fifth graders help take the recycling out. The school collects old printer cartridges and sells them to Complete Business Systems. Charmaine says Papeg will give \$2 cash per cartridge not \$3 in store credit that Staples gives.
- f. Hamilton High School (Karen Laramay)
  - i. Looking at incorporating more curriculum into the Hami Garden. More teachers are asking about it.
  - ii. Vegetarian Club: Started this year to get the students to understand the value of food and water necessary to grow it. Govindas donates food to the club. \$2 donation is asked.
  - iii. E-Waste drive. At the most recent E-Waste drive, 117 monitors were given away. The school made approximately \$250.00
  - iv. Recycling is huge. Students are motivated.
  - v. Volunteering. It's difficult to get other teachers involved, but little by little it's happening. It's very exciting and tiresome.
- g. Summary
  - i. Schools are an important area for green teams and we are encouraging the various schools to communicate with each other and exchange ideas.
  - ii. Steven Coker, offering his Yahoo school group for gardening. **If you wish to get on Steve's gardening email, contact him at [cokertax@prodigy.net](mailto:cokertax@prodigy.net).** Steven also mentioned they might be creating a larger garden at Castle Heights, once one of the mobile buildings gets removed. Steven is further emphasizing communication between the schools so they can reach out to other schools. He will contact Venice High School to understand how they work with the elementary schools in their area.

#### IV. Old Business

- a. SoRo Festival
  - i. Paula announced that Million Trees LA will provide the Green Team with 150 free trees to give out



- ii. Festival almost all zero waste. Only food trucks are the last waste standing.
  - iii. Paula also announced that the Green Team will be Selling Compost and Worm Bins from the city, collecting corks to recycle and collecting canned food for Sova.
- b. Robertson Beautification
- V. Meeting Adjourned at 8:20**

**Notes:**

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