

AISD 09-14-2022



AISD Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC)

September 14, 2022

The purpose of the ESAC is to assist the district in being a recognized example of environmental education, stewardship, and sustainability.



Mark your calendars for the 2022-2023 ESAC meeting dates!

All meetings will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

- November 9, 2022 (virtual)
- January 25, 2023 (TBD)
- March 8, 2023 (virtual)
- May 10, 2023 (in person)





AGENDA

I. Welcome & Announcements	5:30-5:40
II. Public Comments*	5:40-5:50
III. Getting reacquainted	5:50-6:05
IV. ESAC: A Brief History	6:05-6:15
V. Update: Purpose Statement and Bylaws	6:15-6:25
VI. Action Areas Updates	6:25-6:40
VII. AISD “Big Things” for 2022-23	6:40-6:50
VIII. Subcommittee Breakout Groups	6:50-7:25
IX. Requests for Future Meeting Topics & Adjourn (OPTIONAL: Tour of Govalle Elementary)	7:25-7:30 (7:30-8:00)



Can you remind me how we do this?



In-person meetings:

Can you remind me how we do this?

1. We want everyone to feel comfortable and safe. Please practice masking and distancing as needed.
2. Please arrive early if possible so you can serve yourself a delicious meal and get settled for our 5:30pm start time.
3. Follow sustainable practices whenever possible: recycle/compost appropriately, bring your reusable beverage container, walk/bike/carpool/use public transit, etc.
4. We will have sound queues to keep us on track so we can start (and end) on time.



Reminders about ESAC

ESAC Has a listserv!

[AISD esac@googlegroups.org](mailto:aisd_esac@googlegroups.org) please use it for sharing news, info, updates with your ESAC colleagues.

ESAC has a google share drive! tinyurl.com/ESACfiles

Please keep your subcommittee files here. You can also access templates and see what other subcommittees are up to! We will add members to the drive.

ESAC has a website!

www.austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/esac Great for knowing when meetings take place, reviewing previous meeting materials/videos, seeing general info about the committee.



Public Comments

Visit austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/esac/meetings to submit public comments by noon the day of the meeting



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Announcements



Getting Reacquainted



ESAC 101



ONE AMONG MANY ADVISORY BODIES

District
 Advisory
 Council
 (DAC)

Campus
 Advisory
 Councils
 (CAC)



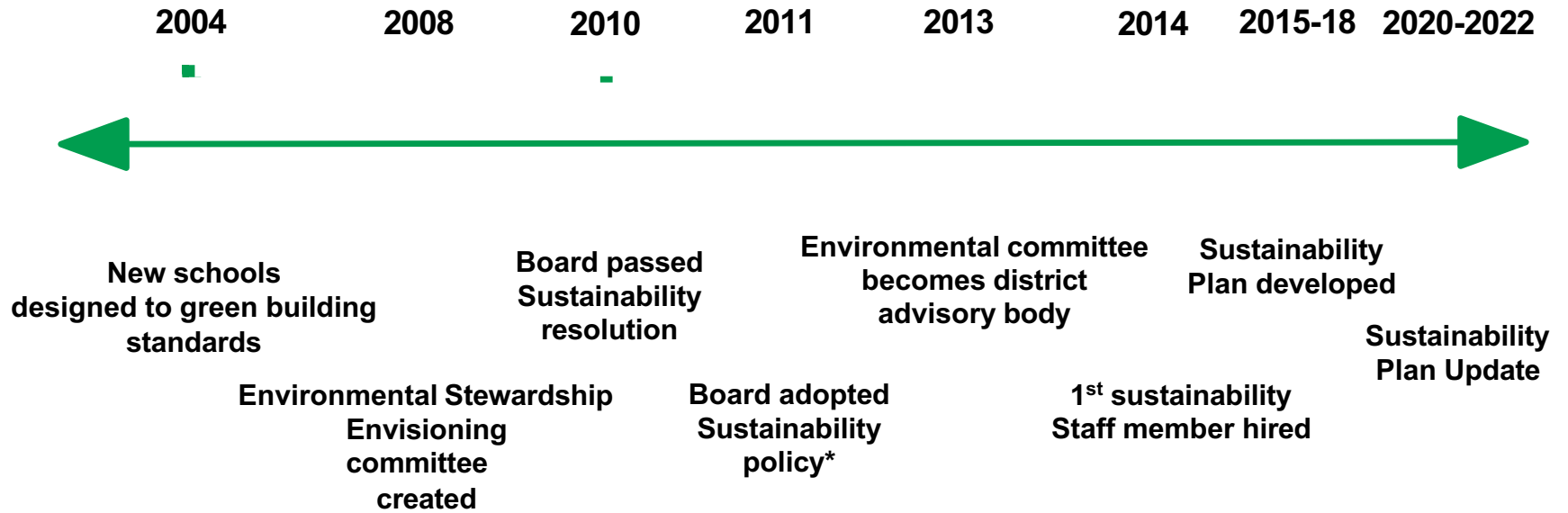
Multilingual
 Education
 Advisory
 Committee
 (MEAC)

Special
 Education
 Advisory
 Committee
 (SEAC)

School
 Safety and
 Security
 Committee
 (SSSC)



ESAC/SUSTAINABILITY HISTORY



* <http://www.austinisd.org/sites/default/files/dept/esac/docs/AISDEnvironmentalSustainabilityPolicy.pdf>



ESAC SUCCESSES

- Board adoption of [2010 Environmental Stewardship Resolution](#) and [2011 Environmental Sustainability Policy](#)
- Creation of dedicated sustainability position in 2014
- Later expanded to include energy, water, & waste positions
- Community workshops in 2013 & 2015
- Community engagement in support of sustainability plan in 2017-18
- Letters of support for Outdoor Learning Specialist, Good Food Purchasing Program, nature based learning, and outdoor dining & learning.
- Creation of sustainability plan equity tool and integrating equity beginning in 2020
- Ongoing partnerships among ESAC members



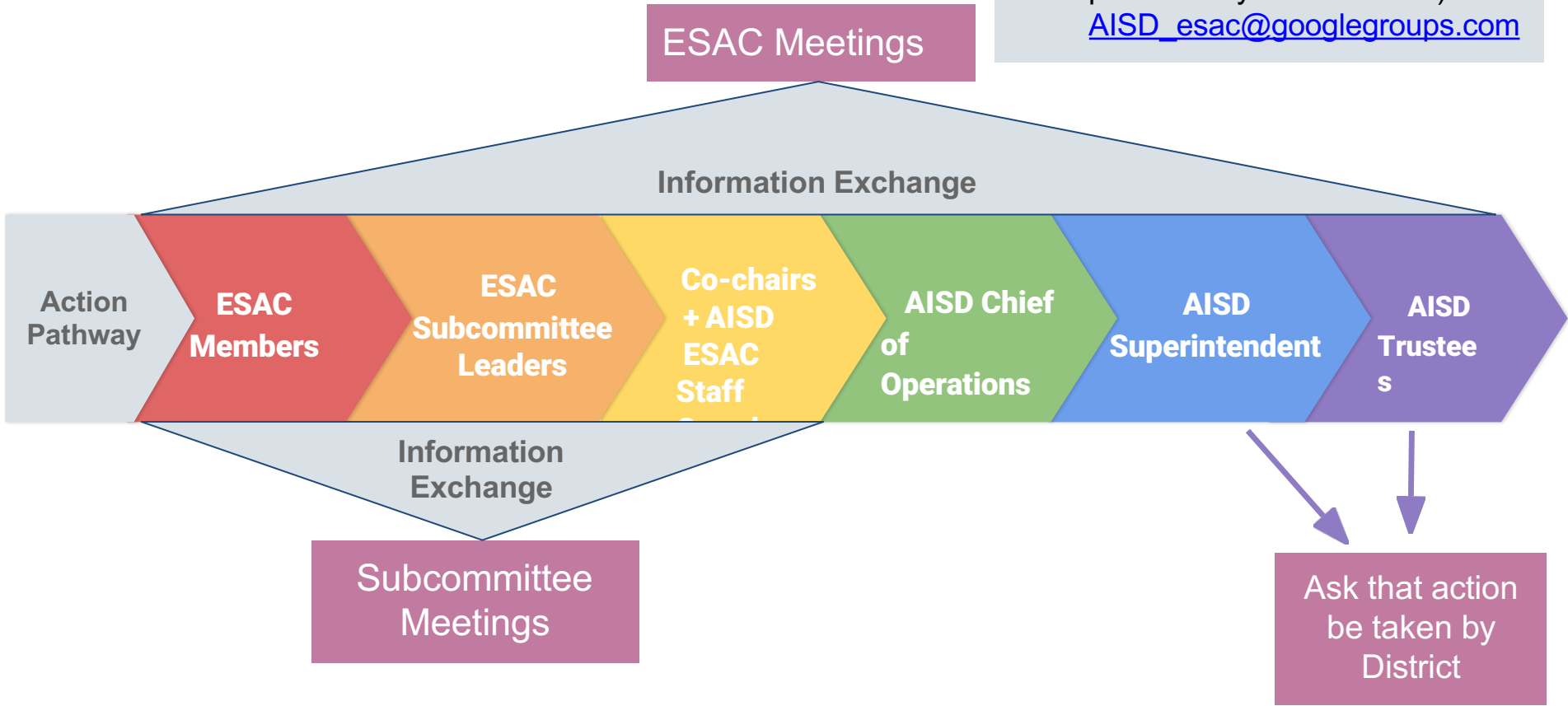
ESAC SUBCOMMITTEE STRUCTURE



Information & Action Flow

Communication tools:

- Board Updates
- ESAC Listserv (members can post directly to each other)
AISD_esac@googlegroups.com



Update: ESAC Purpose Statement & Bylaws

Noelle Bugaj & Darien Clary



From 2021 Strategic Planning Meeting:



ESAC PURPOSE & MEASURING SUCCESS

POSSIBLE ACTIONS:

Review and revise ESAC purpose and bylaws.

Consider ways to support better communication channels with district leadership.

Consider how to communicate ESAC achievements more publicly.

DRAFT OUTCOME:

Present a new proposed purpose and bylaw changes to the ESAC.



NEW PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of the ESAC is to engage AISD students, staff, parents, and community members in advancing environmental education and sustainable operations that enhance learning and support resilient, healthy, and equitable school communities.

Previous statement: The purpose of the ESAC is to assist the district in being a recognized example of environmental education, stewardship, and sustainability.



NEW PURPOSE STATEMENT

To accomplish its purpose, the ESAC shall:

- Serve as an advisory body to the Superintendent.
- Foster communication and collaboration among members.
- Serve as a means for members and the public to remain current in the status of sustainability and related initiatives at AISD.
- Support the 2011 Environmental Sustainability Policy (CL)LOCAL.



ESAC BYLAWS: UPDATES

Meeting




Voting



Attendance



Terms of Service



Membership



Activity Updates

Energy & Water | Rey Torres & Ana Echeverria

Food & Nature | Colleen Garland & Diane Grodek

Transportation & Air Quality | Rob Borowski & Mike Rios

Zero Waste & Procurement | Ana Echeverria

Equity & Community Engagement | Noelle Bugaj



Energy & Water Update

Rey Torres



As part of this year's October 5th [Nationwide Energy Efficiency Day](#), the Energy and Water Management department started a contest among students titled "AISD Energy Heroes". The contest focuses on students showcasing how they help their schools to save energy by posting videos or drawings in social media, and bring awareness about energy efficiency at the school.



Nature Update

Colleen Garland



Campus Outdoor Learning Features Post-Pandemic Reassessment

Middle School Campuses:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UoBeUCF2Ej1xkyDeE3UJJ9FpZo94z_Cs/edit#gid=805937748

All School Campuses:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oNqwp6-39YrgG0XVwfl9zS3BPkOINxeL/edit#gid=805937748>



Active ponds



Inactive Pond



Inactive Habitat Garden



Inactive Produce Garden



Discovery Hill

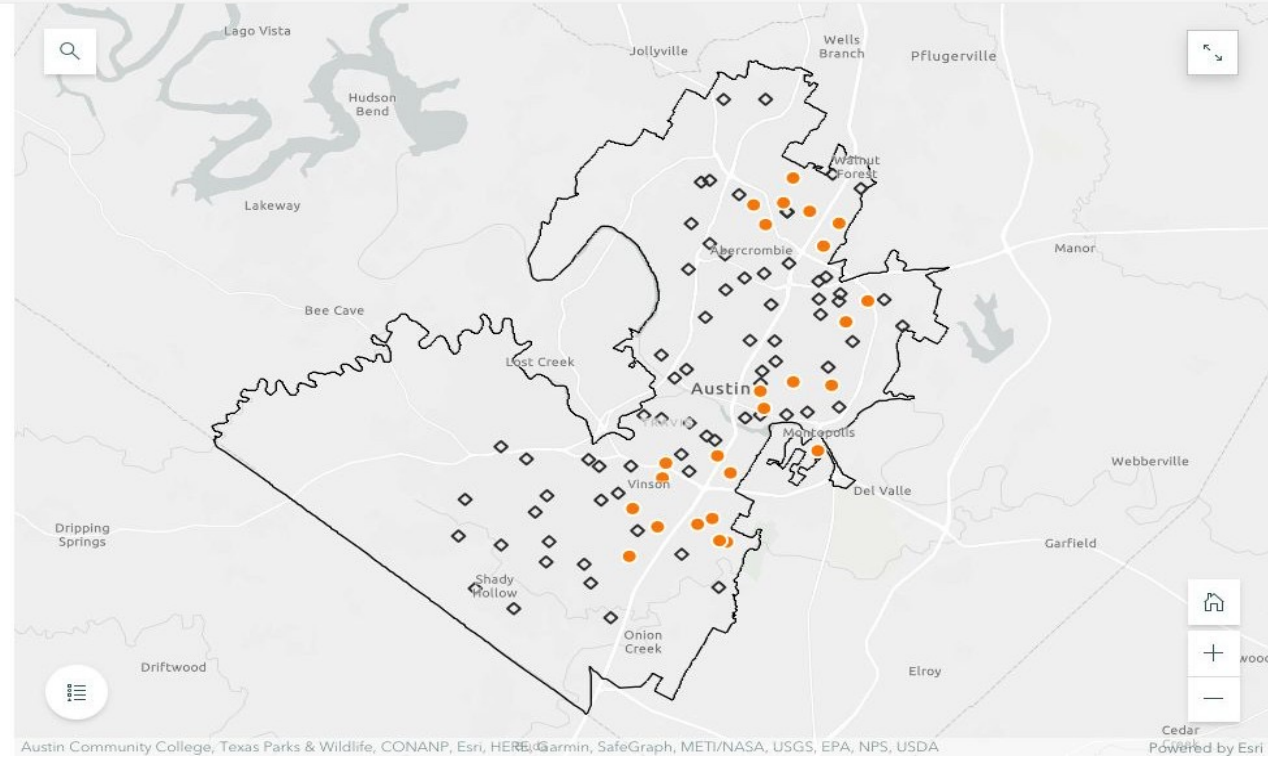
Outreach for District-Wide Use Through an Equity Lens



There are **25 schools** that have average or worse facilities, a high proportion of underserved students, AND high neighborhood social vulnerability.

Data shows that there is no strong pattern to the location of facilities in most need of repair. There are 12 in high vulnerability neighborhoods, and 12 in low vulnerability neighborhoods.

Similarly, there are 5 schools with poor educational suitability in high vulnerability neighborhoods, and 3 in low vulnerability ones.



Long Range Planning Committee Storymap:
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/dd2fc8c8c4904ce9b1f2dd8661b9d6ec>



Food Update

Diane Grodek



Food

- **At our back to school Manager's meeting we shared our school-wide initiatives towards self-service. This is now mandatory to varying degrees depending on the school and level**
 - All modernized schools are back to offering self serve Fruit and Vegetable bars
 - All Elementary schools will offer bulk fruit with tongs, and bulk vegetables when possible
 - Bulk Milk has returned



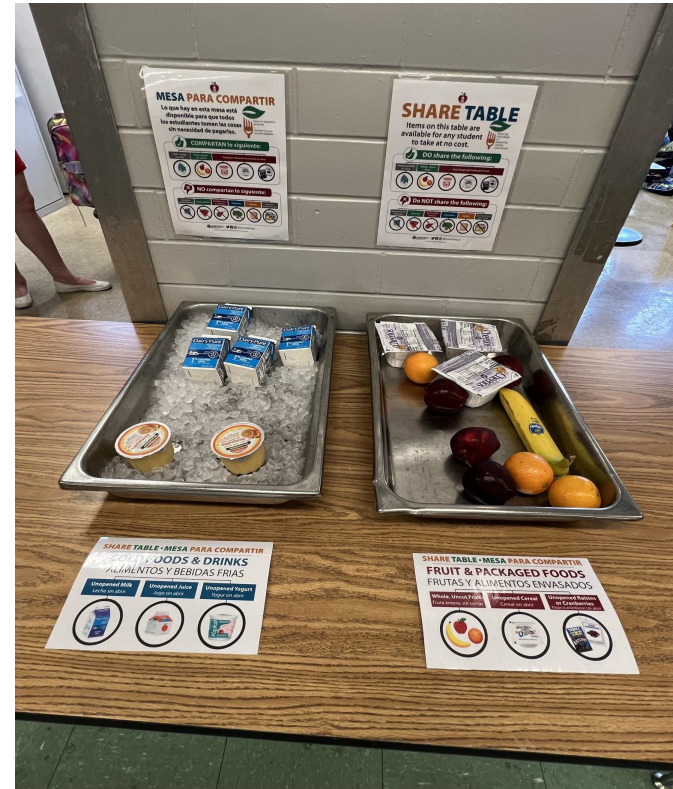
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 - All condiments will be served in reusable dispensers for self service at all levels
 - All High Schools will have self serve condiments for all line (burger toppings, Fiesta line, etc.)
 - Applied for a COA Grant for more equipment to support this change



Food

- **New Gluten Free Products are stocked from Gluten Free Yourself Bakery: sliced bread, hot dog buns, hamburger buns**
- **Share tables are back at all Campuses after a break for Covid**
 - Share tables help prevent food waste
 - Share tables help create community



Food

- **New Menu Items for Fall:**
 - **Entrees: Cajun Pasta, Lo Mein Noodles, Alfredo Flatbread, BBQ Flatbread**
 - **Seasonal Crisp - Apples for Fall from Texas Farmers**
 - **BIC - More protein! Egg Bites, Smoothies, and Parfaits are back**



Transportation & Air Quality Update

Mike Rios, & Rob Borowski



Transportation & Air Quality

- Austin ISD is in the process of procurement for piloting 3 electric school buses
- The buses should arrive by September 2023
- This pilot program will include charging stations at our Southeast Terminal
- We have also applied for a rebate through The Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) through EPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency)



Transportation & Air Quality

In efforts to promote sustainable practices & healthy living, the Transportation Department partnered with the Sustainability Team to share general information about sustainability, zero waste & ESAC at all 3 of our bus terminals.

We encouraged the Transportation Team to improve waste sorting and created awareness about the opportunity to become involved with ESAC and be a part of the District initiative.





AISD Sustainability + Transportation Unite! Sept. 6-8, 2022

Info and fun activities about recycling and composting “myth busters”, energy conservation, the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee, the 2022 bond program, and more!



Zero Waste & Procurement Update

Ana Echeverria



Zero Waste & Procurement

Welcome, Ana Echeverria!

AISD Energy Engagement Foreman & Zero Waste Lead



Zero Waste & Procurement Updates

Subcommittee leader(s) wanted!

Provide direction, support, and coordination to their subcommittee. There may be more than one leader to share the responsibilities (and fun!) of guiding the subcommittee.



Equity & Community Engagement

Noelle Bugaj



Equity & Community Engagement

You already heard from us!



AISD “Big Things” for 2022-23

Darien Clary



AISD “Big Things” for 2022-23

- **Bond Election** - November 2022
 - Stay informed <https://bond.austinschools.org>
 - If it passes, implementation
- **Interim Superintendent top priorities**
 - Academic Excellence, Culture & Climate, Reflective & Inspirational Leadership
- **Trustee elections** - November 2022
- **Superintendent search**
- **Facility Repurposing**
- **In-person learning** (fingers crossed!!)
- **Staffing** - >150 teacher vacancies as of Aug 19, plus bus driver and food service staff vacancies



Subcommittee Breakout Groups

Intro: Jen Cregar, Larry Franklin



NOTES: Energy & Water



NOTES: Transportation & Air Quality

Introductions

How can we increase bike racks at schools?

- CoA Transportation has racks they want to donate. Amir will connect to Darien to find a pathway for that. Will take some review by CMD and/or service center.



NOTES: Waste & Procurement



NOTES: Food & Nature



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THANK YOU for all you do to help AISD be green!

