

## Green Task Force Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2008

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In attendance: Emmanuel Cappellin, Erin Wallen, Russel Jones, David Frieberg, Matthew Perifano, Peter Boyer, Nancy, Marie-Pierre Carloti, Jim DeGolia.

**This meeting was an overview (bilan) of the data the GTF has gathered since last October and of further actions to take in the areas presented below.**

Updates:

SOLAR PILOT PROJECT: Russ and Daniel (NCIS) will meet with solar power provider Solar City on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

### SCHOOL RESOLUTION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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**So far, we have:**

A draft of our future Environmental Resolution:

“French-American, in harmony with its mission of offering rigorous, diverse and cross cultural education, finds it critical and timely to also embrace eco-mindedness/environmentally sustainable practices. This notion should be deeply embedded into all the school’s operations: curriculum, classroom practice, outside service, student travel, and building operations.”

**But we still need:**

- to pass a final version of a school-wide Environmental Resolution to the Board  
⇒ *Peter Boyer and Russ to present tentative final version to GTF next meeting (March 13<sup>th</sup>).*

### ENERGY CONSUMPTION

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**So far, we have:**

- data on the building's energy consumption from the PG&E audit and recommendations.  
- overall CO2 emissions for the school (Carbon Footprint) with precise estimates for most CO2 sources: flights, electricity, heating, athletics transportation.

**But we still need:**

- more centralized school-wide flights information, and a way to fund the carbon off-sets for these flights

⇒ *Senior management team (Russ) to ask how to centralize flights and discuss financing options for off-sets.*

- to review PG&E audit & recommendations

-->Long-term: Fund energy efficiency upgrades for the building

⇒ *Russ to ask Daniel from NCIS for report*

## SOLID WASTE

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### **So far, we have:**

- a good overview of our waste management practices
- paper consumption patterns (monthly and yearly)

### **But we still need:**

- to get composting up and running!
  - ⇒ *TIMELINE (infrastructure+campaign) to be discussed next meeting*
  - ⇒ *Daniel from NCIS to give a final date for compost system implementation*
- to implement a mini waste-basket pilot project in the High school:
  - ⇒ *Review number of rooms needing extra recycling bins from SF (March 13<sup>th</sup>):*
    - ⇒ *ERIN: 5<sup>th</sup> floor*
    - ⇒ *Matthew: 4<sup>th</sup> floor*
    - ⇒ *MARIE-PIERRE + Nancy: Lower school*
    - ⇒ *Erin to order waste baskets*

## TRANSPORTATION

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WALK TO SCHOOL is next Wed (March 5<sup>th</sup>)

⇒ *Nancy to remind parents of next Walk to School*

### TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

⇒ *Julia Friedlander to fix the survey with Aaron Levine for next meeting (March 13<sup>th</sup>).*  
⇒ *Next steps to be discussed next meeting*

## AGENDA ITEMS MOVED TO NEXT MEETING (Thurs, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 11-12am):

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- EDUCATION: New approach to bringing eco-literacy into the classroom at IHS
- EDUCATION: resources for teachers
- COMMUNICATION: waste reduction campaign
- WASTE REDUCTION: waste audit?
- WASTE REDUCTION: disposal policy?
- WASTE REDUCTION: purchasing policy?
- TRANSPORTATION: survey fixing and next steps

