

Public Schools of Brookline  
Climate and Sustainability Task Force  
June 9, 2024  
10:00am to 2:00pm  
Brookline Town Hall  
School Committee Room  
~Workshop Summary~

The members of the Climate and Sustainability Task Force met for a workshop on Sunday, June 9, 2024 in the School Committee Room, Brookline Town Hall. In attendance were: Steven Ehrenberg, Roger Grande, Sasha Palmer, Matthew Yamatin, Layla Noubir, Amirah Saalik, Ezra Kleinbaum, Rebeca Salguero, Amie Lindeboim, and Christi Electris.

The four work groups of the Task Force are:

- Work Group 1: Education and Engagement
- Work Group 2: Energy, Buildings, and Outdoor Spaces
- Work Group 3: Food Services and Waste
- Work Group 4: Transportation

The goal of the workshop was to discuss the Task Force recommendations.

Phase 1 of the Task Force work was to create an inventory of town assets - initiatives, organizations, activities, investments, funded positions - already working in the area, identifying those that PSB can partner with, leverage, or scale to achieve relevant objectives of the Sustainability Policy. Phase 2 of the Task Force work is to issue recommendations for PSB actions - such as further policies, coordination mechanisms, or investments - to achieve relevant objectives of the Sustainability Policy.

Each work group has developed several draft recommendations based on their inventories. They discussed their recommendations, including strategies and timelines for possible implementation, and received feedback from the group. Recommendations include items such as: 100% composting in all schools; promotion of a food rescue program; formalize a fossil fuel free plan for schools; and regular sustainability news in the Superintendent's weekly newsletter,

The Task Force looks forward to presenting their recommendations to the School Committee in the fall.

The workshop adjourned at 2:00pm.