

“Let every individual and institution now think and act as a responsible trustee of Earth, seeking choices in ecology, economics and ethics that will provide a sustainable future, eliminate pollution, poverty and violence, awaken the wonder of life and foster peaceful progress in the human adventure.”

— John McConnell, founder of International Earth Day

Green Team Committee Minutes

October 26, 2009

Attendees:

ES: Caroline Jeziorski, Kim Nerenhausen, Jody Glanfield
 MS: Michael Popinchalk, David Oswald
 HS: Jen MacPherson
 Facilities:
 PTO: Shannon Michaels, Karin van Ravensberg

 Regrets: Marci Carrel, John Hollenbach

Item	Discussion	Action
Environmental Sustainability Successes to Celebrate	PTO - Green Team Committee Partnership, New ES School Master Plan includes centralized reverse osmosis system for drinking water, stainless steel reusable bottle sales to kick-off the year, Keep Egypt Clean Project (website) – service learning possibilities, increased % of students/staff/community members using the Water Oases & reusable bottles, new Superintendent readily supports deepening our commitment to sustainable practices at CAC, looking forward to the energy efficiencies associated with the construction of the new ES as compared to our existing buildings.	
GT Team Committee Remaining Meetings 2009-2010	Monday, November 23 Monday, January 25 Monday, February 22 Monday, March 22 Monday, April 12	Confirmed by committee.
Budget	The Green Team does have funds to support our committee work. Funds are mostly from PTO, stainless steel reusable bottles sales (profit \$1/each) and empty printer cartridges(10-25 LE each) collected and sent to Eco-tek here in Maadi for refill/resale.	
Ideas & Emerging Visions for Green Thinking at CAC	These ideals were put forth by various meeting participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No single serving disposable plastic bottles of water sold on campus. Once our ES is complete, we will have a three-day water supply for the whole campus so that our access 	

	<p>to drinking water from the Oases and fountains is not interrupted by water outages in Maadi. This will eliminate “no access to drinking water” as a barrier to banning plastic bottle sales on campus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No plastic bags provided at the school store. Most students have backpacks or are just carrying items to their lockers, so bag is really unnecessary. • Let’s follow the trash to better document what happens to organic and recyclable waste when it leaves our campus/homes. This could create more “buy-in” to our campus environmental initiatives. 	
For the next meeting, I WILL statements	<p>I WILL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the revised paper recycling signs created by the GT Committee last year are securely installed on all ES green paper recycle bins. • Ask for support at the divisional administrative level to reawaken our commitment to the shared responsibility in keeping our campus “Clean and Green”. • Look into monthly films nights as a vehicle to promote discussion about sustainability in our community. • Meet with Mr. Nasser, procurement manager, to share data on refillable ink cartridge pilot and discuss how we might go about offering Eco-tek printer cartridges for use here at CAC. • Work toward 100% reusable water bottle use in my ES classroom. • Set-up a system to confirm that each water oasis is in working order and establish a system for communicating any problems immediately to maintenance and create signage to keep the community informed. • Update the Green Team Committee website (http://www.cacegypt.org/Green/index.html) • Research and consult with John Hollenbach, facilities manager, on idea of a flow meter on our oases to give us data for “how many plastic water bottles are not used” as a result of the GT Oases Initiative. 	
Meeting Adjourned	4:45pm	
Next Meeting	Monday, November 23 rd from 3:30 – 4:45pm. HS Science Room 103 (Jen MacPherson) 3:15pm onwards refreshments available	