



## Maryland Outdoor Learning Partnership (OLP) School Sustainability Working Group Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Thursday, October 30, 2025, 3:00 – 4:00

### Attendees

Laura Collard (Working Group Co-Chair), Deborah Herr Cornwell (Working Group Co-Chair), Victoria Howard, Kelley Holocker, Larissa Pasco, Maria Prawirodihardjo

### Welcome

Laura Collard and Deborah Herr Cornwell

### Review Recommendations and Actions

- Recommendation: The Governor will establish a Maryland Sustainable Schools week to promote sustainable schools and to highlight the achievements of Maryland Green Schools.
  - Discussion included an overview of the process of requesting a proclamation from the Office of the Governor and the role of the Sustainable Schools working group if it were adopted.
  - The group decided to wait to see if the request for a proclamation is approved before beginning to plan activities.
  - Representatives considered a few friendly amendments at the November 6<sup>th</sup> Full Partnership meeting.
  - Participants agreed that if this recommendation passes the next step would be to request a formal proclamation from the Governor's Office.
    - It was recommended that the application for a proclamation touch on/mention COMAR with respect to LEAs providing environmental literacy and outdoor learning opportunities for students
    - The group discussed a potential time for the MD Sustainable Schools week. April and May were proposed.
- Action: Facilitate a quarterly gathering of LEA facilities and operations staff to discuss and further k-12 school decarbonization.
  - Representatives discussed who would be hosting the proposed quarterly gatherings.
  - Participants shared the current convenings that bring together facilities staff from LEAs.
  - Participants suggested including MDE in the implementation of this action to align with the requirements of HB264.

### Discussion: Next Steps/ Prepare for November Meeting

Agenda item not reached.

## **Sustainable Schools Summit – Update and Planning Support**

Agenda item not reached.

## **Discussion: Recommendations for future OLP membership that would benefit the Sustainable Schools Committee**

Agenda item not reached.

**Meeting Closed at 4:02**