

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WALTON SUMMER PROGRAM SENT TO PAISBOA SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

At the last Sustainability Group meeting at Germantown Friends School, we discussed the possibility of convening a summer sustainability professional development training with the Walton National Sustainability Teachers' Academy from Arizona State University.

Good news! We are holding **Thursday, August 16th** for a one-day sustainability training with the Walton team for teachers from PAISBOA member schools.

There are a limited number of spots and we need to secure indications of interest or commitments before finalizing the plans.

Please [complete this short form](#) by **Tuesday, April 24th** with information about participants from your school.

<https://goo.gl/forms/JPac42vc2pz8eF0F3>

Please note: this is not a registration form. It is an indication of interest. A registration link will be sent by PAISBOA in May, [if there is sufficient interest.](#)

See below for logistical details, testimonials from members of our group about the quality of the training and a workshop description you can share with colleagues.

Call or email with any questions 917-533-6206 or ARSudduth@gmail.com. We'll have a chance to discuss this opportunity at the Sustainability Group meeting at Friends' Central (Lower School Campus) on Tuesday, April 17th.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

EVENT LOGISTICS

What: Independent School Sustainability Teachers Academy with Walton/ASU

Date: Thursday, August 16th

Time: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (approximate)

Cost: Between \$45 - \$55 per person depending on number of participants

Location: Chestnut Hill - SCH Academy, [8000 Cherokee Street, Philadelphia PA 19118](#)

Audience: Teachers, sustainability professionals and other interested administrators from PAISBOA schools. Invitations will be extended to other independent school teachers as space allows

Size: Min. 25 attendees. Max 45.

A min. of 3-4 representatives from each school preferred

WHY WALTON/ASU?

The team from Walton are considered national leaders and their trainings are sought after by independent and public schools interested in research-based sustainability teaching strategies. Several PAISBOA members can recommend the training from

personal experience. The Walton/ASU team will be coming to Philadelphia for a three-day training for Philadelphia School District teachers that we are helping to plan earlier in the week so we are able to piggy back and keep the costs low!

“The Walton ASU training was a valuable experience for the teachers and administrators from GFS who participated. It served to help educate the GFS community in sustainability advocacy and education. Through a series of activities, the workshop leaders provided participants with an approach and vocabulary to use to engage others in topics surrounding sustainability without coming across as overbearing or preachy. They also demonstrated to us how we might be able to use economic arguments to approach administrators with sustainable solutions to institutional problems.”

Michael Kerns, Clerk of the Stewardship Committee, Germantown Friends School

“I participated in the one-day training provided by the Walton team at the Pennington School in New Jersey last summer. They shared hands-on activities that were engaging and could be adopted by teachers across the curriculum. They understand time constraints facing teachers and provided practical advice and research-based solutions that can help to jumpstart curricular connections to sustainability in any school setting whether you are getting started or leading sustainability efforts at your school.”

Mary Ann Boyer, Co-Founder and Principal, Boyer Sudduth Environmental Consultants

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

Summer Sustainability Teachers' Academy

PAISBOA, Boyer Sudduth Environmental Consultants and SCH Academy plan to host a one-day intensive Sustainability Teachers' Academy training workshop on Thursday, August 16th for area independent school teachers and administrators. Teachers from all subject areas are welcome and will find opportunities to implement sustainability concepts and projects into their existing curriculum.

Led by experts from the Walton National Sustainability Teachers' Academy at Arizona State University, this workshop will focus on sustainability science, how to teach relevant sustainability issues in the classroom and develop projects for the school and/or community. The workshop content is unique in sustainability education because it is built on research from ASU and other leading universities.

Sustainability isn't just something to add to the classroom, but a way of understanding interconnected social, economic and environmental systems that makes sustainability relevant to what teachers are already teaching. Sustainability is about healthy food, community engagement and cleaner air, but it's also a key driver of social and technological innovation and the key to long-term economic prosperity and social equity. Teaching sustainability science provides your students with a versatile skill set with broad applicability.