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PDR Required

for all moves

Moving a classroom or office? Every move requires a Project Development Request (PDR) form. Visit the FAM website to learn more!

Meet Sharon Raymor and Jeff Hamman

Sharon Raymor is a new project manager in FAM. Sharon was born and raised in the Kansas City metro area. She earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Kansas State University. Sharon's most recent position before joining PPS was as a project designer for a small mechanical electrical plumbing (MEP) consulting firm. In her free time, she enjoys crafts like wood-burning and knitting, playing the guitar and the piano, and engaging in outdoor activities like hiking. Sharon has three pets; two dogs, Maddie and Buddy, and a cat, Kitters.

Jeff Hamman is our new energy program manager, replacing Catherine Diviney, who moved to Connecticut with her family. Jeff grew up

in Bowling Green, Ohio, and moved to Oregon in 2001. He earned his Associates of Business degree from Owens Community College in Ohio and his bachelor's degree in Renewable Energy Engineering from the Oregon Institute of Technology. Before joining PPS, Jeff was an energy analyst for the Beaverton School District. Jeff enjoys spending free time with his wife and two young children.

Be sure to stop by and say hello to Sharon and Jeff in the Facilities department on LI at the BESC!



Marshall Transition Update

Portland Public Schools has taken a major step toward creating a more sustainable high school system with significant changes to high schools. Changes go into effect in the fall of 2011. The most dramatic change involves closing the three small schools on the Marshall Campus to increase enrollment

and strengthen the academic program at the seven remaining comprehensive high schools.

FAM will be managing improvements to Franklin and Madison as well as moving students and programmatic materials to each school. FAM project managers are

developing and refining the scope of this effort as educational/programmatic information becomes available.



Buckman Field Installation

Portland Parks & Recreation and Portland Public Schools, partnered to install synthetic turf at the Buckman Field adjacent to Benson High School.

The large, multi-use, City-owned field is used by students from Benson High School, St. Mary's Academy, and a variety of private sport clubs.

The all-weather synthetic turf field will improve the

field surface throughout the year especially during Portland's rainy winter when many natural grass fields become unplayable. The project also includes new directional field lighting and will be complete this spring.



High Praise for One of our Own

Larry D. Dashiell, principal, Robert Gray Middle School, reported that there was a moment of panic as a parent was unable to find her child after the school's multi-cultural fair. When Principal Dashiell was forced to cover the main office and phones, Lawrence "Larry" Ware, Custodian, stepped up to become the lead contact for the police. He checked the grounds, opened and

checked classrooms and restrooms with police officers and performed second-in-command duties.

Principal Dashiell said, "Larry was on the spot and took control of checking building operations. Larry's actions in the emergency were excellent. When the student was found at home an hour later, Larry was thanked by many of the parents and Portland Police

for all that he had done. Tears of fear turned to tears of joy. I was really glad to have Larry on board. His natural skills to move and do the right things in an emergency really paid off. Thank you very much to Larry for his help and support and for being at Robert Gray."



Furniture Donations at Work

FAM Project Manager Gretchen Hollands responds to corporations that are remodeling or moving by accepting unwanted furniture for use in PPS buildings. Gretchen secured donated Port of Portland furniture for the Roosevelt High School office and installed it as part of their school improvement grant. The secretaries

received upgraded workstations and an improved reception area for visitors.

FAM also recently received donated furniture from Kaiser Permanente and Bank of America. FAM uses this donated furniture to upgrade workstations and conference rooms district-wide and prevents useable

furniture from ending up in the landfill.

THANK YOU!

Bank of America 

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BESC Facility Energy Audit

FAM is managing an energy audit at the BESC as part of the district's commitment to reducing costs and promoting energy efficiency. The audit is the first step in developing a project to modernize and improve the facility's mechanical and electrical systems. The project will be funded using guaranteed energy and water cost savings.

Over the next several weeks, contractors from

Practical Energy Solutions, Inc. will be collecting data on the lighting systems at the BESC. This will include placement of lighting monitoring devices, as well as walk-throughs to inventory the BESC. Practical Energy Solutions will work hard to avoid any disturbance or inconvenience to BESC employees.

If you have questions or concerns about the work being completed, or the

overall project, contact Project Manager Sharon Raymor at sraymor@pps.k12.or.us or (503) 916-3811.



"Grey to Green" Tree Planting Project

FAM, in partnership with the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES), is managing a "Grey to Green" tree planting project to reduce stormwater, cool our campuses and beautify PPS property.

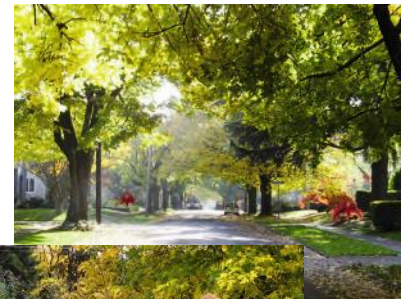
The City of Portland started the Grey to Green initiative in 2008 to expand stormwater management techniques that mimic natural systems, protect and

restore natural areas, and improve watershed health. These investments in green infrastructure improve the quality of our neighborhoods, rivers and streams, and help us adapt to a changing climate.

FAM project managers are working with BES to identify school sites that lack street trees as a part of the process. FAM will work with BES to identify street

tree locations, pick species, etc. The tree planting will take place in April and May this year.

BES will water the trees for two years (and replace any that die); PPS's Grounds Maintenance Department will be responsible for maintaining the trees long-term.



IT Department Data Center

FAM led the project team that successfully installed the IT Department's Data Center (the computer that contains all the working electronic files and networks of the school district – including enrollment, the PPS website, working files, etc.).

The project involved reducing the size of the origi-

nal data center and creating offices with the leftover space.

The new data center runs faster, has more memory and is more energy efficient than the previous data center.

FAM and IT pursued energy savings incentives and energy tax credits through

the [Energy Trust of Oregon](#) to cover the cost of the "economizers". The economizers replace the outdated refrigeration-style cooling system. The new economizers use outside air to cool the data center in the winter saving PPS thousands of dollars on energy costs each year.



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PPS Mission:

At Portland Public Schools, this is our goal: By the end of elementary, middle, and high school, every student by name will meet or exceed academic standards and will be fully prepared to make productive life decisions.

Portland Public Schools Facilities & Asset Management

The Facilities & Asset Management (FAM) Department supports classroom teaching and learning by providing a safe and healthy environment that is conducive to learning for students and staff.

Spring 2011 Project Submission Deadlines

Facilities & Asset Management has developed [Project Development Request \(PDR\)](#) deadlines to improve the ability of FAM project managers to plan for and complete projects prior to the 2011 school year.

Below is the list of project deadline dates - and the related projects that fall under those deadlines - as staff consider their spring and summer project proposals.

Staff should submit a [PDR](#) with project concept, sponsors and funding clearly

identified by the following deadlines to have the project completed by the start of school. Staff may submit a PDR after these deadlines, but FAM cannot ensure completion of the project by the start of school if it is submitted after these deadlines.

May 15: Computer lab moves, book room moves, learning garden design and construction, painting projects, carpeting installation, copier adds/moves

June 10: Classroom moves, office moves

August 1: Surplus furniture requests

Note: Large projects including major landscaping, community gardens, and field projects or those that require the procurement of design and construction services require at least six months to a year of planning.

If you have questions about these deadlines please call 503-916-3810.

