



**The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
Climate Action Ad Hoc Committee**

MEETING MINUTES

Date: **Wednesday , 2 March, 2022 at 4:30-6p.m.**
Location: **Via Zoom**

In Attendance: Chair Watters, Angie Hentze, John Harris, Butch, Kate Lawes, Sean Powell, Brian Leslie, Deb Whitten, Kim Morris

A.

COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

4:30pm

A.1

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories -

Chair Watters recognized and acknowledged the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

A.2

Approval of the Agenda

B.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

None

C.

NEW BUSINESS

C.1

Review the Draft Terms of Reference

The committee discussed areas of interest that may be embedded in the Climate Action Plan such as:

Storm water run off

Clam gardens and Clam beds- demonstration

Shoreline restoration initiatives

Seashore food

Holistic view with students at the center

Curriculum – students need to know what world they will inherit

Biodiversity

Engage young people

Water quality – Esquimalt / Oak Bay

Stories – climate-accessible and engaging- informational and inspiring

Butch – Peace through Music: A global event for the environment

Living document

Inspire action

Compost and waste diversion

Ensure Community Partners are at the table before making key decisions

Meeting frequency Every two weeks/monthly to start and a little less after (every 2-3 months)

Holistic approach

Clean air, land, water

Why we are doing the work

Cultural teaching on land restoration

Learning and teaching

Potential Partnerships:

Katie Turner – Saanich Parks (restoration project)

Collaboration with Royal Roads

C.2

Energy Manager Brian Leslie reviewed the Strategic Energy Management Plan 2021.

Considerations

Walking bus, safe routes to schools

Guiding Principles on Major/Minor Capital Planning regarding climate

Ministry of Education or Province of BC commitment?

Financial support

CNCP Boiler upgrade funds

5 year plan Capital Projects

School enhancement envelope

Bring forward recommendations with intent – pressure for more

Advocacy – Role of the Board

C.3.

Review Board Motions next meeting

C.4.

Next Meeting

Review Richmond School District – Climate Action Plan

Review Board Motions

D.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are actively seeking interest to fill the membership positions on the committee not yet filled: students and VPVPA.

E.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6pm