



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

MEETING MINUTES

Date: **Thursday, 17 March, 2022 from 4:30-6p.m.**
Location: **Via Zoom**

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

A.

COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

4:30 p.m.

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

Add C.2. Review other Climate Action Plans

B.

Approval of the Minutes – March 2, 2022

C.

NEW BUSINESS

C.1

Review Board Motions

Committee discussed the Motion to prepare a draft Compost and Waste policy proposal
Committee believes that it can be included in the Climate Action Plan
Honour the work of previous individuals regarding compost and waste
Needs to be efficient
Education important – separate appropriate-need to teach at a young age so they know how
Important to educate on consumerism plastics, etc.
Chair Watters will write a memo for Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

C.2

Review other Climate Action Plans

View Royal – Kate Lawes will share plan

Richmond – Environmental Stewardship Policy

SD61 should explore having one

Brian Leslie showed the Saanich Municipality Climate Plan

- Brochure look – text and pictures
- Easy to read and navigate
- Table of contents
- Pillars (Richmond) Focus Groups (Saanich)
- Open with creating a sense of urgency
- Education – graphics
- Energy step code – trades
- Strategies and actions

GVSD – 1990 and 2008 Environmental Stewardship Policy/Reg/Bylaw

Committee could make informal recommendations to the Policy Subcommittee

Brian – utilize student photo Lisa McPhail.

Kate shared thoughts on:

Richmond:

- goals in line with Municipalities
- money for buildings – hurdle
- 90% of GHG –come from buildings
- Need advocacy
- Climate Reform Education Group might help us
- Need more reciprocity Indigenous voice
- Need plan on sharing, posting
- Need to empower PAC not exhaust PACs and others
- Awareness of reciprocal actions
- Air, Fire, Water – how do we look at this in an easy way – thread

Read: Municipality Climate Action Plan SD 62 / SD 63

Be aware of agreements:

Friends of Uplands

Mt Doug

Bowker Creek

Set up a google form of contacts throughout Greater Victoria

Mindful of what change we want focus on the change

What programs in schools and community – Forum? Bringing groups together

Reconciliation – Oak Bay

- Environmental Justice
- Cleaning up lands

Reach out to Richmond School District, what did they do?

Environmental priorities

Indigenous priorities

Young people learning on the land

Butch says – teaching attached to language, language is attached to the land

CRD support to collaborate

Consider hosting event at Songhees Wellness Centre-

Annual – aligning the work

Pulling together – Big canoe – paddling at the same speed

Unified approach

Relationship building

Climate Action Plan and then a gathering

Climate Plan should include – should we determine what associations, education, learning we should belong and commit to

Plan should also include readiness for Climate events – pillar

Continuity Plan

C.4.

Next meeting Thursday, April 21, 2022

Fall Forum?

May 30 – Climate Action Accountability

D.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

E.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.