



**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

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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