



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)

Climate Action Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Thursday, January 12, 2023, 4:30pm to 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Trustee Gagnon

Attendees: Marni, Deb, Tom, Nicole, Derek, Brian, Chris, Kate, Alyssa, Sean, John

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

A.1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

Superintendent Whitten 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

Moved by Trustee Duncan

That the January 12, 2023 agenda be approved.

Carried Unanimously

A.3. Selection of Committee Chair

Trustee Gagnon is the Chair of the committee.

A.4. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Sean Powell

That the October 6, 2022 meeting minutes be approved.

Carried Unanimously

B. NEW BUSINESS

B.1. Committee discussed the Pillars and sought feedback if anything was missing, or a pillar needed to be added.

Trustee Gagnon asked where purchasing fit and the group felt it fit in the Learning, Engagement and Leadership pillar.

A discussion occurred regarding the plans that the committee reviewed last year: Saanich Municipality, Nanaimo-Ladysmith School District and Richmond School District.

Nanaimo – Ladysmith looks to provide three areas of focus regarding education: school-based, district -based and board-based. It has a clarity of purpose.

B.2. 5 Pillars

The committee determined that the most effective and efficient way to work on the pillars was in smaller focus groups. Committee members were invited to send Deb and Kelly their preferences regarding the pillars they wish to work on.

Brian will populate each pillar with SD 61 content and context by Jan 20, 2023.

At the Jan 25 meeting the committee will use break out rooms and focus on three pillars.

Kate is aware of a community expert re: GhG and will reach out to see when the individual may be able to attend a committee meeting.

Brian spoke about the work the district is involved in to reduce GhG in relation to the 2030 goals and feels we can achieve these goals.

Sean can also lean into a small sub-committee with GVTA members regarding the Learning, Engagement and Leadership pillar.

B.3. Next Meeting

January 25, 2023 – Review the DRAFT Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2022-2027 Pillars (Learning, Engagement, Leadership & Sustainable Transportation & Energy Management)

February 15, 2023 – Review the DRAFT Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2022-2027 Pillars (Lands and Water Stewardship & Waste Reduction)

March 2, 2023 – Review the DRAFT Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2022-2027

March 16, 2023 – Review the DRAFT Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2022-2027

April 6, 2023 – Review the DRAFT Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2022-2027

April 19, 2023 – Final Review due to the Operations Policy and Planning Committee May 8, 2023.

C. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Duncan

The meeting adjourned at 5:21p.m.

Carried Unanimously