



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

Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 4:30pm to 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Trustee Gagnon

Attendees: Deb, Tom, Nicole, Derek, Brian, Chris, Kate, Sean, Natanis

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

Sean

That the January 25, 2023 agenda be approved.

A.3. Approval of the Minutes

Kate

That the January 12, 2023 meeting minutes be approved.

B. NEW BUSINESS

B.1. Pillars

Nicole Duncan	Lands and Water Stewardship	Sustainable Transportation	
Derek Gagnon	Energy Management	Waste Reduction	
John Harris	Learning, Engagement, Leadership	Lands and Water Stewardship	
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Brian Leslie	Energy Management	Sustainable Transportation	
Marni VH	Waste Reduction	Sustainable Transportation	
Chris McQuaid	Sustainable Transportation	Lands and Water Stewardship	
Paul Knapik	Waste Reduction	Energy Management	
Natanis Christensen	Energy Management	Sustainable Transportation	
Kate Lawes	Learning, Engagement, Leadership	Energy Management	Lands and Water Stewardship
Sean Powell	Learning, Engagement, Leadership	Energy Management	
Deb Whitten	Learning, Engagement, Leadership	Waste Reduction	
Tom Aerts	Waste Reduction	Lands and Water Stewardship	
Elsie Richmond	Waste Reduction		
Alyssa			

B.2. 2 Break Out Rooms – 30min

1. Learning, Engagement and Leadership

Break out group #1 (Deb, Derek, Natanis, Brian, Kate, Sean)

- Burnaby Sustainability Strategic Plan
- Reviewed Goals, Objectives, and Actions
- Will be put into google doc – for edits
- Group will look at meeting in person to review, add climate anxiety
- DRAFT information will be shared with student reps and student symposium participants for feedback

Sustainable Transportation

- EV charges – cost recovery

- Infrastructure – bike storage, showers
- Bus Pass + free 0-12 parent volunteers
- Partnerships – Elementary schools
- Municipalities – Vancouver example
- Cross walks – visibility
- BC Transit – align with school schedules
- Student voice – active transportation
- Walking bus routes – safe – social
- Group bike options
- Fleet vehicles for the district
- 4 electric buses
- External programs – capital bikes contests, etc.
- Get “onboard program” BC transit
- Clarity on youth pass
- Bike shelters – secure – promotion to staff and students

2. Sustainable Transportation

Break out group #2 (Chris, Nicole, Tom)

- More EV chargers at schools and district facilities (not free but only at a cost recovery model for charging)
- More infrastructure at schools
 - Change rooms
 - Showers
 - Secure bike storage
 - Covered bike storage
- Promote students 12 and under ride the bus for free program
- Work with BC Transit to coordinate schedules to line up with dismissal times
- Parent volunteers to ride bus routes with students to teach them bus safety
- Bus safety info sessions at schools
- Make crosswalks more visible
- Partner with municipalities to explore programs like the one in Vancouver where sections around schools are closed to vehicle traffic at peak times before and after school
- Look to explore co-partnerships with municipalities and government to encourage more sustainable transportation
 - Interest-free bike loans
 - Reduced rate bus passes for employees

B.3. Next Meeting

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

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

Natanis

The meeting adjourned at 5:40p.m.