



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

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 4:30pm to 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Derek, Deb, Brian, Sean, Natanis, Kate, John, Nicole

A. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

A.1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

Chair Gagnon 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

Approved.

A.3. Approval of the Minutes

March 2, 2023 meeting minutes were approved.

B. NEW BUSINESS

B.1. 5 Pillars

Chair Gagnon feedback- Climate Action Secretariat. Will send out notes on how we want to proceed. What else do we need to consider.

District of Saanich

CRD

Composting thoughts – letter

Pack in Pack out Elem/Middle

Compost Bins Secondary Schools

Resources from Kate – where to host/store resources? Committee and broader community
2 eyed seeing – relevant to what we are doing and becoming familiar with it

Brian SEMP – District Work

Resources: District Team, IED, Facilities

John – Reconciliation that you can eat i.e. clams

Building awareness for students and families

Derek – importance of climate resilience – putting ourselves in the best position moving forward
Educating students, staff and community to deal with these things

Mindful of decisions for the future – i.e. heat dome – learning environments – how are we
planning with that in mind.

Nicole – advocacy – design, maintain – buildings – a lot directed by the Province. Province must
take advantage when building new schools. Board advocacy in this area – Learning and
Engagement

Chris – GVTA – advocate for more funding to help tackle climate change

Brian – Climate Action Accountability report – early May – may be combined with Climate Action
Committee Work.

May OPPS – Likely not the finished plan, rather an update to the committee.

Potential next meeting – Mid May

John will send resources – Climate Action teaching and videos.

B.2. Discussions and Next Steps

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

B.3. Next Meeting

May 10th or 17th, 2023

C. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the meeting John Harris and Derek Gagnon sent resources to committee members for review before the next meeting.

John Harris

<https://wsanec.com/four-stories-of-how-things-came-to-be/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZ8_ep5qPH8

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0O3228b2rbQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKYEhhRLAa0>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xn9SINo_x0I

<https://iisaakolam.ca/icap/>

Derek Gagnon

Among other resources, the Capital Regional District has Climate Action To-Go Kits that can be taken out of libraries for use <https://www.crd.bc.ca/education/climate-action/climate-action-resources/climate-action-to-go-kits>

It was suggested that we look at what we need to do to prepare for future climate and adapt and prepare, both as individuals in the SD61 community and in infrastructure and purchasing practices

Including downscaled climate projections for the area of SD61: how will our local climate be changing in the coming years? Similar to what CRD produced in 2017 https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/climate-action-pdf/reports/2017-07-17_climateprojectionsforthecapitalregion_final.pdf

Potential collaboration with the CRD and local authorities that have already written climate action plans, such as the CRD's which came out in October 2021 https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/crd-document-library/plans-reports/climate/crd_climate-action-strategy_2021.pdf?sfvrsn=5e9c31cd_8

D. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.