

**Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Limestone District School Board**

**October 9, 2018**

A meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee was held in the Barry C. O'Connor Board Room at the Limestone Education Centre, 220 Portsmouth Avenue, Kingston, Ontario on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

**Present**

**Members:** Brooke Gilmour, St. Lawrence College  
Leslie Hanson, Loving Spoonful  
Stana Luxford Oddie, Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority  
Linda Malcolm, KFL&A Public Health  
Zabe MacEachren, Faculty of Education, Queen's University

**Officials:** Michele Babcock, Superintendent  
Dave Fowler, Manager of Facility Services  
Dan Hendry, Sustainable Initiatives Coordinator  
Cedric Pepelea, Energy/Environmental Technologist  
Paula Murray, Trustee

**Regrets:** Tracey McKenzie, County of Lennox & Addington  
Pavel Graymason, Sustainable Kingston  
Tom Carpenter, SWITCH  
Robin Hutcheon, Parent Involvement Committee  
Kelly Pender, County of Frontenac  
Roger Healey, KCAT

**Guests:**

**Recorder:** Liz Strange, Records Management Coordinator

**1. Welcome**

Superintendent Babcock read the Indigenous Greeting:

"The Limestone District School Board is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of Métis, Inuit and other First Nations from across Turtle Island.

We honour their cultures and celebrate their commitment to this land."

The members introduced themselves to the committee.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was not approved due to lack of quorum.

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**3. Business Arising From the Minutes**

None at this time.

**4. Community Organization Updates**

Queens University, Faculty of Education

Z. MacEachren reported that the Faculty of Education school year has started. Ken Collier is coming to do a presentation on November 28, 2018.

It is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Faculty of Education.

County of Frontenac

Representative not present at the meeting.

KFL&A Public Health

L. Malcolm is working with LDSB, Tri-Board Student Transportation and the City of Kingston for an application for an Active School Travel grant. A Queen's student is collecting baseline data.

KFL&A Public health has been sharing information about using city transit for school trips through its social media.

A 'Bike In' for the commuter challenge was held at St. Lawrence College in June.

KCAT

Representative not present at the meeting.

SWITCH

Representative not present at the meeting.

The County of Lennox & Addington

Representative not present at the meeting.

Sustainable Kingston

Representative not present at the meeting.

Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority

S. Luxford-Oddie reported that there are some new school education programs.

The public walks are going well.

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The CRRA has developed guided walks for students.

Loving Spoonful

L. Hanson reported that Loving Spoonful will have 22 schools with GROW gardens next year, by adding five to those currently established. It is creating a plan for sustainability for the gardens once the current funding is complete.

Loving Spoonful has received money for 6 accessible garden beds, sponsored by Corrections (CORCAN). The beds will be made from plans from Evergreen.

A 'Get Fresh' program is being piloted at one school, and will focus on food systems, environmental stewardship and healthy cooking.

Parent Involvement Committee

Representative not present at the meeting.

St. Lawrence College

B. Gilmour shared that St. Lawrence held its own campus commuter challenge, and had good uptake from across all three campuses

The Culinary program has signed onto 'Food Rescue' to donate food that would otherwise become waste. The College is trying to get Browns to participate as well.

The two hair programs have partnered with Green Circle Salon to recycle up to 95% of traditional salon waste.

The energy systems engineering students will have a new building, instead of portables.

The new build is almost finished.

LDSB

D. Hendry shared photos of a recent schoolyard naturalization project completed with guidance from Evergreen.

Last school year 600 class trips were taken using City of Kingston Transit.

D. Hendry shared an example of an LDSB waste data report, where the Board collects information about the amount and types of waste being produced at each of its sites and the number of contaminated recycling containers.

C. Pepelea shared that LDSB is moving to replace all lighting with LED bulbs. These new bulbs would last 8-15 years longer than the ones currently being used in school sites.

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Facilities is also sharing information to encourage more LDSB sites to go for LEAD certification, including a breakdown of how many points individual projects can acquire.

Manager Fowler shared that the Board completed \$13.5 million in projects over the summer, including roofing, heating system improvements and accessibility.

The Greenhouse Gas money has been pulled back, but LDSB had 2 projects that were approved before the change.

Superintendent Babcock shared that Evergreen offers outdoor learning workshops for teachers and ECEs. Information is available on their website.

S. Luxford-Oddie shared that there was a recent 'Forest Kindergarten' program at the CRRA with 55 students from Polson Park. The school received a grant to run this week long program.

**5. Election of Community Co-Chair**

Deferred until next meeting.

**6. Other Business**

None at this time.

**7. Next Meeting Date**

Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.