

**Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee    October 8, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Limestone District School Board**

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 Wednesday, October 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

**Present**

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

**Staff:** Michele Babcock, Superintendent  
Dave Fowler, Manager of Facility Services  
Dan Hendry, Sustainable Initiatives Coordinator  
Robin Hutcheon, Trustee  
Joy Morning, Trustee  
Cedric Pepelea, Energy/Environmental Technologist

**Regrets:** Sarah Keyes, Loving Spoonful  
Kristin Mullin, Sustainable Kingston

**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."

**2.    Approval of Agenda**

*MOVED BY:    R. Healy, that the agenda of October 8, 2019, as presented, be approved.*

**3.    Business Arising From the Minutes**

None at this time.

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**4.     Community Organization Updates**

Queens University, Faculty of Education

Z. MacEachren shared that the Environmental Education course that she usually teaches is not running this year. The Outdoor and Experiential Education course will now be only offered online.

Z. MacEachren asked about LDSB's involvement in the recent environmental protests.

Z. MacEachren asked about why the Geography and Environmental Education teachers can't attend their annual training conference this year.

Superintendent Babcock said she would answer the questions under the Other Business section of the agenda.

KFL&A Public Health

L. Malcolm clarified that the KFLA Public Health has been approved for funding for next year. The Ministry of Health will be changing geographical boundaries, and KFLA will find out the details soon.

KFLA Public Health is involved in an Active School Travel project with Mother Theresa and Lancaster Public Schools. A Masters student is doing an evidence brief around 'School Streets', which involves closing streets where schools are located at drop off and pick up times.

An Active Travel working group has been developed to review road safety.

KFLA Public Health has applied for and been awarded as host of the Active Transportation summit, to take place in Kingston in June.

KCAT

R. Healy stated that the City's Implementation Plan was approved for its Active Transportation Plan for the City of Kingston. This will include safe routes to schools, and new pedestrian crossings and cycling networks throughout the city.

Sustainable Kingston

Not present at meeting.

Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority

S. Luxford-Oddie stated that the CCRS is feeling the effects of the recent budget cuts, and that education programs may be affected.

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A student from the Aboriginal Teachers Education Program at Queen's has reviewed several schools in the area, and noted that teachers aren't using their outdoor spaces as much as possible.

Loving Spoonful

Not present at meeting.

St. Lawrence College

B. Gilmour stated that St. Lawrence had recently received a bronze rating in the Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment, & Rating Systems (STARS) program.

The college has a number of initiatives happening, including: Sustainable activities every day for the month of October, having a student speak at the recent climate strikes, and a Campus commuter challenge.

The Kingston site's new bike shelter is almost complete.

The college undertook a 'de-pave' event in the summer, removing asphalt to put in an Indigenous garden with traditional medicines.

LDSB

C. Pepelea and D. Hendry shared information about a number of initiatives happening in the Board:

- Several schools have engaged Evergreen for school yard naturalization projects
- 12 schools became certified Eco-Schools last year
- Schools are using environmental initiatives in several areas of the curriculum, such as figuring out LED light conversions statistics
- Several schools have participated in Waste Audits
- Schools within the City of Kingston are now eligible to have their organic recycling picked up for free
- D. Hendy was ~~is now~~ a Co-Chair of the City's Climate Action working Group over the summer; Report being prepared for City Council
- Climate Action results have been calculated in a number of schools that have switched to LED lighting and/or automated controls on heating systems
- D. Hendry has been invited to participate in a TED X talk on October 10, 2019

Trustee Hutcheon asked for an update on the Marker recycling program. The Board has already made 8 or 9 trips to Staples with items for recycling. Currently there are about 20 schools participating. An email will go out to schools to remind them of the program and encourage participation.

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

B. Gilmour was acclaimed as co-chair.

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**6.     Other Business**

R. Healy suggested a presentation for next meeting to highlight some of the municipal initiatives that are underway.

Superintendent Babcock stated that the conference attendance was not possible this year because the funding for PD has been reduced and parameters narrowed. The Government is pushing virtual training and meetings.

LDSB schools knew about the recent climate protests through social media and conversations at schools. There was no official Board communication about the events. Several classes did organize field trips that aligned with the curriculum being taught.

**7.     Next Meeting Date**

January 14, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

**8.     Adjournment**

MOVED BY:   L. Malcolm, that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.