



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – May 9, 2023

Roll Call:

Members:	Staff:
<p>P. Bearse, KFL&A Public Health (Co-Chair)</p> <p>J. Hook, St. Lawrence College</p> <p>R. Healey, Kingston Coalition for Active Transportation</p> <p>E. Duncan, Loving Spoonful</p>	<p>A. McDonnell, Superintendent of Education</p> <p>D. Hendry, Sustainable Initiatives Co-Ordinator</p> <p>Regrets:</p> <p>S. Luxford-Oddie, Cataraqui Conservation</p> <p>D. Fowler, Manager of Facility Services</p> <p>J. Salter-Keane, City of Kingston</p> <p>P. Szlachta, St. Lawrence College</p> <p>G. Hendry, Sustainable Kingston</p> <p>H. McGregor, Queen's University</p> <p>L. MacDonald, Loyalist Township</p> <p>C. Bevens-Leblanc, PIC Representative</p> <p>E. MacEachren, Queen's University Faculty of Education</p>
Trustees:	
<p>J. Morning (Co-Chair)</p> <p>K. Maracle</p>	
Guests:	Recorder:
<p>K. Burra, Director of Education</p> <p>A. Grange, Communications Consultant</p>	<p>J. Dooley, Administrative Assistant</p>

1. Call to Order

Peter Bearse, Co-chair called the meeting to order.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of minutes moved by Trustee Morning that the minutes as presented, be approved. Carried.

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest declared.

4. Approval of Minutes

Adoption of agenda moved by Trustee Morning that the agenda as presented, be approved. Carried.

5. Welcome And Land Acknowledgement

Peter Bearse, Co-Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Peter Bearse shared the Land Acknowledgment.

6. Reports For Information (Community Organizations' Updates)

- Limestone District School Board – J. Dooley
Nothing to report.
- Loving Spoonful – Emily Duncan
Emily shared that the Grow Project has been running workshops with all of the participating schools which now includes Central Public School. This puts them up to 25 schools participating in the Grow Project. Loving Spoonful has started a fundraiser called, “Carrots for a Cause” which is an opportunity for schools, classes, community groups to use carrots as a fundraiser replacing the traditional pizza fundraiser. Many schools have jumped on board to support local farmers and food.

- **Limestone District School Board – D. Hendry**
We are seeing more and more school field trips using Kingston Transit which is a big part of Dan's job. He is also planning for next school year securing dates and sites for Kingston Transit to attend schools. Dan shared that he has had a growing interest from other school boards and districts around free education/transportation and works with them in his free time to share the success of our program. Dan has been doing art/environmental education cooperatively with other LDSB staff and is working on a Safe Streets Playbook and Guide which will be in the system next year.
- **St. Lawrence College – J. Hook**
St. Lawrence College joins in with the City of Kingston for the Pitch In Project. They had their community electronics collection drive on April 15th where they collected over three metric tons of electronics and had over 120 cars drive through. In early June, St. Lawrence College will participate in the commuter challenge.
- **Limestone District School Board – Trustee K. Maracle**
Trustee Maracle introduced herself as the new Indigenous Trustee and shared that she is excited to be a part of this committee.
- **Limestone District School Board – A. McDonnell**
Nothing to report
- **Limestone District School Board – Trustee J. Morning**
Trustee Morning will be going to École Maple to see a presentation by Loving Spoonful with the Grade 2/3 class. Trustee Morning shared that tomorrow will be her third day into a conversion to electricity from natural gas for her furnace and water pump. She is also installing a ductless heat pump.
- **Kingston Coalition for Active Transportation - R. Healey**
Kingston Coalition for Active Transportation will also be participating in the commuter challenge which is being led by Sustainable Kingston and the City of Kingston. Roger's main focus has been the School Streets Project. Roger has been working with Dan Hendry and others to produce a document that will help other schools get started on their own school street. They have been running the school street at Winston Churchill Public School for two years and Central Public School for a year. They have learned a lot about the process and are noticing at this time of year, the bike racks are full. Students are walking, biking, scootering and even inline skating to school. They are planning a year end celebration for both schools.
- **KFL&A Public Health – P. Bearse**
KFL&A has finished documents in both English and French around active school travel and has provided them to Limestone for Welcome to Kindergarten and Welcome to grade 9 events. They will be working with the City over the summer to increase the number of park and stride maps.

7. LDSB Strategic Planning Consultation – K. Burra, Director of Education and A. Grange, Communications Consultant

Director Burra shared information about the launch of the next round of the strategic planning process for 2023-2028. A strategic plan focuses our priorities on where the board should focus our work. Strategic planning is a requirement from the Ministry of Education and ensures that we are consulting with the public and narrowing in on what matters most as it relates to students, their learning and well-being. Director Burra shared the existing Mission, Vision and Values for Limestone District School board. The three current strategic pillars are wellness, innovation and collaboration. We need to focus all our efforts on students and understand that as an organization the further you get away from the classroom, the greater your responsibility in ensuring that you are providing service and supporting those staff who are supporting the classroom. This work has already begun. In September when we launched the professional learning focus for the year, the focus was on students in the margins. The reality is that 12-30% of students in Limestone are not being effectively served. One of the main focuses going forward should be on equity.

Director Burra shared a timeline of the process. May-June timeline is when we will engage with stakeholders. The goal is to unpack that information, look for key themes and present those to the Trustees in August. Limestone District School Board can then revamp and put out new Mission, Vision and Values priorities that we can then share back with stakeholders in the fall for feedback. This information can then be consolidated to create a new plan that will launch late 2023 or early 2024. This will help focus our work moving forward. Data was collected from various sources including: budget survey, special education review survey, grade 9 de-streaming survey, graduating students survey, grade 8 to 9 transition survey and staff wellness engagements. The ThoughtExchange Survey is the tool that we will be using to collect information. The questions will be tailored to the audience that we are asking the question of. Director Burra asked the committee to answer the question, “As a member of a board committee/group, what key strengths or key challenges/opportunities do you see for Limestone District School Board in the next few years?” with the hat of a committee member. There will be a different question as a parent/care giver. A QR code and a URL was shared for the committee members to participate in the ThoughtExchange.

8. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business reported.

9. New Business

No new business reported.

10. Next Meeting

TBA (MS Teams)

11. Adjournment

Peter Bearse adjourned the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.