

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

January 16, 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, January 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Present

Members: Logan Anderson, LDSB Student Council Representative
Pavel Graymason, Sustainable Kingston
Robin Hutcheon, Parent Involvement Committee
Sarah Keyes, Loving Spoonful
Sam Laing, LDSB Student Council Representative
Stana Luxford Oddie, Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority
Linda Malcolm, KFL&A Public Health
Zabe MacEachren, Faculty of Education, Queen's University
Karla Teixeira, KCAT

Officials: Michele Babcock, Supervising Principal
Dave Fowler, Manager of Facility Services
Joe Hendry, Energy/Environmental Technologist
David Jackson, Trustee
Paula Murray, Trustee

Regrets: Beth Sills, St. Lawrence College
Tom Carpenter, SWITCH
Kelly Pender, County of Frontenac
Tom Mahoney, Trustee
Tracey McKenzie, County of Lennox & Addington
Dan Hendry, Sustainable Initiatives Coordinator

Guests:

Recorder: Liz Strange, Records Management Coordinator

1. Welcome

Sarah Keyes welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

*MOVED BY: Trustee Murray, that the agenda of January 16, 2018 be approved.
Carried.*

3. Business Arising From the Minutes

None at this time.

4. Loving Spoonful GROW Garden Update

S. Keyes reported that Loving Spoonful had received an Ontario Trillium Fund grant to expand the GROW Garden program.

GROW Gardens are currently in twelve schools. Applications are open for six more schools to begin a garden in the 2018/19 school year and five more the year after.

Loving Spoonful is also working to formalize the process with LDSB for school GROW Gardens.

5. Community Organization Update

Queens University, Faculty of Education

No update at this time.

County of Frontenac

Representative not present at the meeting.

KFL&A Public Health

L. Malcolm reported that KFL&A Public Health is working with KCAT (and other community organizations) to support the City of Kingston's Active Transportation Master Plan and Vision Zero. KFL&A Public Health also supports active school travel any way they can.

KFL&A Public Health is working on an individualized marketing program to a specific neighbourhood (TBD) to increase alternate modes of travel (walking, cycling, and public transit). The project will run for one year.

KCAT

K. Teixeira reported that KCAT is working with the City of Kingston to provide feedback on City Initiatives, like the Active Transportation Master Plan. It also has plans to revamp its cycling working group.

SWITCH

Representative not present at the meeting.

The County of Lennox & Addington

Representative not present at the meeting.

Sustainable Kingston

To be reported in Sustainable Kingston Update on the Kingston Climate Change Symposium

Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority

S. Luxford-Oddie reported that visits to the conservation area are happening as part of GROW project. This is a full-day visit for students.

Forest therapy walks started in the fall and were well received by the public.

The CRCA is looking for citizen scientists, and is open to partnering with LDSB Focus Programs and science classes.

It is also Maple syrup season.

Loving Spoonful

S. Keyes reported that the 'Cook, Camera, Action' program wrapped up in December. This program ran in partnership with The River Program (formerly the Katarokwi Aboriginal Alternative School) and focused on traditional foods, and nature trips to secure ingredients.

S. Keyes is also working with the Food Policy Council with KFLA, which has proposed a bill to integrate food literacy into schools. This bill has gone to MPP Sophie Kiwala.

Parent Involvement Committee

R. Hutcheon reported that the Parent Involvement Committee may be talking about school closures and environmental impact at their next meeting.

St. Lawrence College

Representative not present at the meeting.

LDSB

J. Hendry shared that for the 2017/2018 school year the LDSB received the new Climate Change funding (\$9,250), provided by the Ontario Ministry of Education through CODE. This money will go to Environmental Stewardship: A Student's Len, and will cover Eco Schools (teacher release time) and the Great Lake Water Festival (bussing).

LDSB has finalized its contract with Evergreen for assistance on the development of guidelines for schoolyard naturalization projects.

Trustee Murray asked how the schoolyard naturalization projects will affect GROW gardens? Manager Fowler answered that the processes will work together.

S. Luxford-Oddie asked if teachers are trained on the effective use of outside learning spaces.

Manager Fowler answered that Evergreen runs teacher workshops to provide them with ideas on how to best use the space.

6. Sustainable Kingston Update on the Kingston Climate Change Symposium

The event happens this Friday at noon at the Grand Theatre. The event speakers include David Phillips (Senior climatologist with Environment and Climate Change Canada), Brent Toderian (Vancouver, B.C. Chief Planner and thought-leader), and Dr. Roberta Bondar (Canada's first female astronaut). Dan Hendry will also be presenting on the LDSB-City of Kingston Transit Project.

The event will include a dinner by Crave.

There is a Student price of \$10.

The event will be carbon neutral and produce zero waste.

The event will also run in partnership with Queen's Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS) Committee for the Environment.

7. Other Business

Trustee Murray shared that D. Hendry will be speaking at the OPSBA Public Education Symposium later in January.

Dan Hendry will also be speaking at an upcoming OASBO meeting and the 2018 Canadian Municipalities convention.

Trustee Jackson stated that because this is the start of a new term that the Chair and Co-Chair must be confirmed.

MOTION: To move the confirmation of the Chair and Co-Chair for 2018.

MOVED BY: R. Graymason. Carried.

8. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

R. Hutcheon inquired if the LDSB is planning to eliminate yellow school buses in the city because of the City Transit program. Trustee Jackson answered that is not a consideration at this time, but may be something that happens in the future with further reviews and partnerships.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: R. Hutcheon, that the meeting adjourn. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.