

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

**October 10, 2017**

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 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present**

**Members:** Roger Healy, KCAT  
Robin Hutcheon, Parent Involvement Committee  
Sarah Keyes, Loving Spoonful  
Linda Malcolm, KFL&A Public Health  
Zabe MacEachren, Faculty of Education, Queen's University  
Tracey McKenzie, County of Lennox & Addington  
Pavel Graymason, Sustainable Kingston

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

**Regrets:** Beth Sills, St. Lawrence College  
Tom Carpenter, SWITCH  
Stana Luxford Oddie, Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority  
Kelly Pender, County of Frontenac  
Tom Mahoney, Trustee

**Guests:** Gabriel Epprecht, Sustainable Kingston

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

**1. Welcome**

Trustee Jackson welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- LDSB Strategic Plan Update

*MOVED BY: Trustee Murray, that the agenda of October 10, 2017 be approved.  
Carried.*

**3. Business Arising From the Minutes**

None at this time.

**4. Sustainable Kingston Presentation: Green Economy Kingston**

Gabriel Epprecht provided a presentation on Green Economy Kingston.

The Green Economy Kingston project began in 2015 with a launch event that welcomed 130 attendees. Six members initially came on board, and that number currently sits at twenty-one. Becoming a member means that Sustainable Kingston will provide resources, recognition, reporting and events.

If the LDSB were to join the following benefits would be expected:

LDSB engages in meaningful, target-based action:

- Emissions quantification support, project planning, communications.
- Build out environmental engagement system for staff, students, parents, and community.

LDSB becomes an instrumental player in local and provincial movements:

- Locally – school board becomes largest Member of Sustainable Kingston's Green Economy program.
- Provincially – school board joins three other school boards in the Sustainability CoLab network.
- Opportunity to change the climate conversation from regulatory to celebratory.

Program Resources become available to develop or advance new ideas at LDSB:

- Sustainable Kingston becomes a direct resource to LDSB staff.
- LDSB able to leverage connections with other program members to further its leadership potential.

R. Hutcheon inquired how much of the program would extend beyond the City of Kingston area.

P. Graymason responded that Sustainable Kingston is happy to work with anyone who wants to join, and it is not restricted by land boundaries.

L. Malcolm asked if the cost to become a member could be explained. It was clarified that the amount per member is based on the on the size of the organization.

Manager Fowler inquired if Sustainable Kingston had reached out to student body of St. Lawrence College for their involvement in the initiatives being undertaken by the college.

G. Epprecht responded that they do work with the students, but there is room for further involvement of the student body.

Manager Fowler stated he would like to review the initiatives that are happening at St. Lawrence that could be replicated at LDSB.

Trustee Jackson suggested having LDSB Senior Staff review what is happening at St. Lawrence and evaluate how this could work at the Board.

**5. Loving Spoonful GROW Garden Update**

S. Keyes provided an overview of Loving Spoonful's GROW Garden initiative, that works in partnership with LDSB.

Individual schools apply to establish a school garden, wherein students and staff plan, implement and maintain the garden to harvest. The extra harvest is then donated to Loving Spoonful, who uses the food to support area shelters and food programs.

Loving Spoonful staff also provide training and information on food security, food culture, cooking/food preparation, gardening and farming practices, and assistance with planning and establishing garden.

Loving Spoonful recently received an Ontario Trillium Grant to expand the GROW Garden project, to conduct two nature field trips and provide parent workshops.

Brenda Moore, a retired principal with LDSB, has been hired to develop lessons on Food Literacy.

The grant will also allow Loving Spoonful to hire two students to take care of the various school gardens over the summer.

The expansion of the project will be professionally evaluated and the results shared with other organizations across the province.

**6. 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 shared that Public Health is working on active transportation initiatives. A new strategy will focus on one individual community for one year, with an intensive marketing campaign, surveys, and resource follow-up. The hope is to change transportation behaviour.

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L. Malcolm let the members know that there had been an update to the National Active Transportation Strategy, and that the information would be shared through email.

Bill 65 (Active School Travel) has been updated, and mostly focuses on streamlining the 'red camera' system.

Kingston will be implementing a 'Vision Zero' program with an aim to reduce injuries and deaths to vulnerable transportation users (walkers, cyclists, motorcyclists). This will include the development of roundabouts, additional sidewalks and segregated bike lanes.

KCAT

R. Healy provided an update on the City of Kingston's Active Transportation Master Plan, which will prioritize and link together networks of transportation for walkers, cyclists and transit users.

Wolfe Island is looking at significant increases to the ferry service. This will include changes to the area of Tragically Hip Way and Ontario St. under the guidance of the Ministry of Transportation.

The area at Bath Rd and Collins Bay will see the development of multi-use travel lanes.

SWITCH

Representative not present at the meeting.

The County of Lennox & Addington

One of the County's projects is the maintenance of its forest lands, which includes 1100 acres of certified, sustainable forest.

Sustainable Kingston

Pavel Graymason introduced himself as the Executive Director for Sustainable Kingston.

Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority

Representative not present at the meeting.

Loving Spoonful

S. Keyes will be taking Mara Shaw's place on the committee. She shared that she is working on a new program for Indigenous/Non-Indigenous students on Western food skills.

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Parent Involvement Committee

R. Hutcheon stated that the Parent Involvement Committee is working on revising its by-laws.

St. Lawrence College

Representative not present at the meeting.

LDSB

D. Hendry shared an update on the Board's partnership with Kingston Transit and the funding received through the Canada 150 Grants.

**7. Update on CODE Funding**

D. Hendry shared that LDSB has been selected as recipient for funding through the Council of Ontario Directors of Education.

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

R. Hutcheon nominated S. Keyes.

S. Keyes accepted the nomination.

No other nominations came forward.

S. Keyes was acclaimed as Co-Chair.

**9. Other Business**

Trustee Murray suggested that it would be beneficial to include a student member on the committee, in addition to the Student Trustee representative.

*MOVED BY: Trustee Murray, that ESAC requests the Inter-School Council consider electing a Student Environmental Ambassador. Carried.*

Strategic Plan Update

Supervising Principal Babcock provided an update on the Board's new Strategic Plan.

The new plan was developed through a review of mission, vision & value statements, an environmental scan of current & anticipated factors that impact LDSB, consultation with stakeholders, a consultation review & identification of key themes, and the development of pillars & goals.

The new pillars are: Wellness, Innovation and Collaboration.

The next steps are:

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October - Share new pillars with key internal stakeholders (staff, students, union groups, committees, community partners)

November - Rollout to remaining stakeholders

Ongoing - Development of monitoring and action plans that align with SIPSA & BIPSA.

The LDSB is also developing a new website, which will be launched later this month.

**10. Next Meeting Date**

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

**11. Adjournment**

*MOTION: L. Malcolm, that the meeting adjourn. Carried*

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.