



REGULAR BOARD MEETING ADDENDUM

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022
6:00 PM
VIA ZOOM**

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- d. Receipt of Reports from Trustee Representatives
 - Climate Action Task Force – Trustee Austin

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Board and Trustee Representative Committee Report

Trustee Representatives: Julie Austin & Barry Kurland
Committee Name: **Climate Action Task Force**
Meeting Location: Zoom
Meeting Time: 02/09/22 03:30 PM

Mandate

The School District 69 Climate Emergency Task Force will promote action to decrease greenhouse emissions, help develop plans to educate our learning community and advocate for progressive policy solutions.

Topics of Conversation:

School & District initiatives

Christopher Brown provided an update on the learning grant / Zero Waste grant being initiated at NBES. \$4000 from learning grant funds and \$4000 from the RDN for zero waster projects. Projects include worm bins and waste rot, enhancing outdoor school garden, maple tree tapping, sprouting stations and Christmas tree new tradition of planting trees.

Monica Bradbury gave an update on a screening at BSS of a shortened version of The Plastic Oceans documentary, followed by a Q&A from <https://plasticoceans.ca> Executive Director

Carolyn Mattice passed on that students from KSS have pivoted due to uncertainty around covid from their initial plan of a symposium on Climate Action to an anthology of student work, be it digital, art etc.

Resources:

- *Plastic Oceans Educational Resources:* https://plasticoceans.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/PO_Educational_Sup_v16_NOV2018.pdf
- *the new 'R's – Refuse, Reduce, Rethink, Regenerate*

Community Initiatives

Sheri Plummer gave updates on:

- Climate Hugs, honouring people in our community who are making positive change in climate action
- Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, The CATForce is tasked with whether to become signatories to the treaty. Students at KSS are asking Qualicum council to support the treaty.
- Introduction to Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment of BC and their campaigns and resources.re: Fortis BC open letter to Minister of Education requesting that the Fortis educational material not be allowed in schools due to bias
- Fortis BC in schools. We also discussed conflicts of interest of Fortis BC in educational settings.

Resources:

- *Fossil fuel Non-proliferation Treaty* <https://fossilfuel treaty.org/>
- *Fortis BC in schools* <https://energyleaders.ca/>
- *Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment* <https://cape.ca> BC link <https://cape.ca/chapter/bc-committee/>

Other Topics

Coalition for Healthy Schools letter of support – see recommendation to Education COW

Prism carbon footprint update- Chris/Julie/Barry – update on timeframes and outcomes. Hopefully Prism will provide an interim report by May 2022, with the final report by end of summer.

Carbon zero vs Carbon Neutral - carbon-neutral refers to balancing out the total amount of carbon emissions, including off-sets. **Net-zero carbon means no carbon was emitted from the get-go**, so no carbon needs to be captured or offset.

Carbon free school concept – a lot of really good discussion – see recommendations below to go to Finance and Operation COW

Recommendation for Education Committee of the Whole

That the Board of SD69 write a letter in support of the Coalition for Healthy Foods (as per their request letter)

1. That SD69 (Qualicum) endorse the efforts of the Coalition for Healthy School Food to advocate for a universal, cost-shared healthy school food program. This support is based on a shared belief that all children and youth in BC should have daily access to healthy food at school.
2. That SD69 call on the federal government to begin to implement a universal, costshared, healthy school food program for all K-12 students in the country and to sign onto the global School Meals Coalition Declaration, as per the Coalition's 2022 Pre-Budget Consultation Submission.
3. That the SD69 call on the provincial government to invest in a universal, cost-shared, healthy school food program for all K-12 students in the province, as per the BC-CHSF's 2022 Pre-Budget Consultation Submission recommendations.

Recommendations for Finance & Operations Committee of the Whole

Recommendation:

That the Board of SD 69 begin the process of creating a “zero carbon educational site in SD 69. The process would include, but not limited to:

- analysis of Prism data and recommendations,
- identification of a site(s) for this pilot project, possibly new construction or renovation or retrofits to existing buildings.
- costing and potential funding and financing options.
- educational opportunities for students and staff and community

Though one site may be identified as a carbon zero project, retrofits and renovations going forward at all sites would work toward being carbon zero ready. The long term goal is the creation of all learning sites to be zero carbon.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education of SD69 write letters to provincial and federal bodies reminding them of their commitments to climate action and requesting that resources be made available to help move all school districts in BC to zero carbon facilities. Though targets at both levels of government are to be in place by 2050, the letter would request an expedited process and a target of much sooner than 2050. The federal-provincial Pan Canadian Framework on Clean Growth Climate Change (PCF) calls for all new buildings to be Net-Zero Energy Ready (NZER) by 2030. This concept could be expanded to included all buildings.