

# Sustainability Committee Minutes June 23, 2020

Tuesday – June 23, 2020, 3:00 P.M.

Virtual

Attendees: Jennifer Miller, Karen Taylor, Heather Fried, Diane Linderman, Rebecca Waldo, Ian Neviaser, Ronald Turner, Rachel Carrion, Paula Gaudet, Connie Pan

Guests: Sarah Sahl, Brenda Moriarty

Regrets: Phil Parcak

- 1) Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve May 26 , 2020 meeting minutes as edited made by H. Fried, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Waldo. No further comments.
- 2) New Business
  - a) Feedback from June 3, 2020, BoE meeting. BoE approved the proposal for additional water bottle fillers and passed the resolution for 100% clean energy by 2030. Proposals going forward will continue to be bundled together, where possible, for BoE approval. Workstreams must define estimated budget impacts when proposing actions. The team will work with the business office on any budget related estimates or needs. Impact of COVID planning for school re-openings on budget is unknown at this time.
  - b) R. Waldo – Renewables workstream. 1. Electric transportation. As discussed last month, an electric passenger van wholly owned by the District could be an option for supplemental transportation for clubs and field trips rather than a full M&J bus. Several options of current vans/mini-buses were briefly reviewed to get an idea of what is being discussed. Base ranges were from \$160k-\$250k with all charging components, various sizes, etc. The workstream will do a needs assessment including current cost outlay for this type of transportation. Noted also that there are only a few employees who are licensed to drive any number of students in any type of vehicle. Follow up on regulations and licensing requirements. 2. Solar. Mile Creek school – grant is open for applications.

- i) Action: R. Turner to update Region18 FY 19/20 energy usage summary in July. Workstream to enable links to monitoring energy on appropriate website for Region18 access.
- c) H. Fried, P. Gaudet, R. Carrion – Education workstream. No updates this month. Workstream is prepared to work with 3R on any awareness campaigns in Fall.
- d) K. Taylor – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (3R) workstream. Guests S. Sahl and B. Moriarty, as well as Deb Galasso, are potential new additions to the 3R workstream. A well attended workstream meeting to brainstorm cafeteria waste and in school recycling opportunities



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- generated a number of ideas and actions to follow up on ideas. Additional contact from Madison food service program identified; J. Miller to connect with K. Taylor. “Trex Challenge” was won by some part of District; K. Taylor to connect with Leslie O’Connor.
- 3) Other Business – a) Continue to contact potential participants. b) For awareness: J. Miller to communicate with other similar groups to share our objectives and create contacts (Conservation, Open Space, Gateway Commissions, OL Town Recycling Committee). R. Waldo to send info regarding OL participation in “Sustainable CT” and associated “points” effort.
  - 4) Adjourned 4:00pm. Next Meeting Scheduled – July 28, 2020, 3pm via Zoom.