

LCS Sustainability Committee Meeting March 9, 2023

Attendees:

LaRoderick (Rod) McQueen	Susan Walden
LySandra Black	Steve Urse
Rosanne Wood, School Board Member	Meta Calder
Joel Dawson	Cara Fleischer
Michele Keltner	Kasey Kirkland

Attendees via Microsoft Teams:

Kim Ross	iPhone Caller
Jeanette Villa	
Savana Elliott	

Absent:

Stephanie Cornais	Aida Richardson
Dr. Rhonda Flanagan	
Miaisha Mitchell	

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by LaRoderick (Rod) McQueen.

The committee went over the meeting minutes from the previous meeting and corrections were noted and changed.

The committee did a general approval of the Sustainability Plan. However, Joel D. has a conditional approval of the plan due to the wording of the plan. The plan is a little wordy but it also something that can always be changed.

Michele Keltner and Susan Walden discussed how Sustainability in the Florida Curriculum Grades K-12 (information pamphlet was handed out) can be incorporated into Sustainability through agriculture. The following items were mentioned:

1. It was also brought to the committee's attention that the state will adopt a curriculum next year (2024) and LCS will adopt it the following year (2025). They will be giving training to teachers over the summer so they can teach it to the students in that upcoming school year.
2. Putting gardens in the schools and using them with Nutrition Services
3. How this part of sustainability will help with saving the district money.

Cara brought up the matter of the EPA on air quality. Weblink (www.airnow.gov/airquality) talks about tying in air monitor with the Weather STEM. The Air Monitor Program has been set up at Leon High School. Rod stated that we can share all information via email with the

group on this matter. The Air Monitor Program has contributed \$2k to LCS to do a program at schools. Mr. Dave Madden, Science Teacher at Leon High School is using this program.

Rosanne asked Kim Ross to send out information about what she does with the schools. Jeanette Villa, will send in all of her information as well.

Someone from the committee will present to the Principals on July 11, 2023 at the Principals Meeting the information on Green Schools.

It was noted that there are several Weather STEMs throughout the district that are out of date.

Joel D. stated that she doesn't see a connection with Weather STEM and Sustainability and she was given ways that they connect and she was ok with it after that.

Rod & Kasey will follow up on Weather STEM and Sky Guard and they will present more information at the next meeting.

It was noted that Purple Air Monitors are being attached to Weather STEMs for air monitoring as well.

Kasey stated maybe we shouldn't use the flag system until we are ready to enforce be ready for whatever comes our way...don't put something out until we have a solution.

Rosanne asked that we bring it back in and focus on ways to help the district save money not spend more money.

Rod discussed the flyer about Florida Green School Questions and discussed ways of how to get information from each school about their Green School efforts.

Committee would like to have Transportation Department (Fred Johnson, Director), Maintenance Department (Butch Watkins, Director) along with someone from various departments within Maintenance (Ronny Tabb, HVAC Dept., Ernie Ellison, Energy Dept and Ray Gramling, Electrical Dept.).

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm by LaRoderick (Rod) McQueen.