

MINUTES

GREEN COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 - 3:30 p.m.

Committee Members: Eric Zwerling, Chair
Thomas Wallace; Robyn Mikaelian; Jared Beatrice

Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent; Jason M. Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary; Don Race, Facilities Manager; Dr. Ann DeRosa, Principal; Kristen Higgins, Principal; Sharon Moffat, Principal; Paul Nigro, Principal; Sarah Pauch, Supervisor of Math, Science and Technology

Other Members: Jodi Bettermann, Energy Coordinator; Filomena Hengst, Teacher; Betsy Freeman, Teacher; Denise Birmingham, Teacher; Blair Alber, Teacher; Diane Hart, Teacher Aide; Emily Bengels, Teacher; Neil Hendrickson, Township of Readington

[Note - attendance was not taken, so the list above does not necessarily reflect who was there]

1. RMS Global Goals Green Team - Student Update
Betsy Freeman & 7-8 Grade team - (they have 30 members, not all attended)
Ms. Freeman's students gave a presentation of their program's goals, and activities. They are using the Green Ribbon as a baseline. Very comprehensive approach covering health, waste, wellbeing, environmental and sustainability learning.
Collaboration and Communication - working together, happy, healthy people. Lively discussion about how to engage other people. Discussion about aquaponics grant.
2. RMS Green Ribbon
 - Application - Betsy Freeman, Don RaceUpdate on timing

Whitehouse - Roots & Shoots - \$5000 grant
3. NJDOE Green Ribbon Ceremony (December 4) - Dr. Jonathan Hart, Eric Zwerling
4. HBS USDOE Green Ribbon Award Ceremony (September 25) – Don Race and Eric Zwerling
5. Board and District Goals
 - Board Goal No. 1: To continue to improve communications and expand community engagement with all stakeholders with a focus on broadening our efforts beyond our locality to highlight and celebrate district accomplishments, emphasizing our sustainability/greening initiatives.Dr. Hart lead a discussion about possible publications and presentations - subjects and opportunities.
6. Proposed Sustainability Program / Strategic Planning
Eric Zwerling presented a proposal for a new "Readington Green Schools Initiative", which is a comprehensive integrated program encompassing sustainability, and wellness. It is based upon

similar programs in a number of school districts from around the country. Many of the components are already addressed in several District Policies, and the Initiative expands beyond them, and consolidates them into one coherent guiding document. If adopted, this could serve for long-term district goal setting such as Strategic Planning. The document was shared as a Google Document for Committee member input, to be discussed at the next meeting, January 14. There was also discussion of expanding the portfolio of the person supervising the program from that of an Energy Manager to one more broadly defined as Director of Sustainability or Director of Green Programs, as appropriate for the final program design adopted.

- 7 Energy Conservation Programs and Solar Update – Jodi Bettermann
Ms. Bettermann provided an update on solar photovoltaic production and energy use.

NEXT MEETING - JANUARY 14 3:30PM