



## GREEN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

3:30 p.m.

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Committee Members: Eric Zwerling, Chair  
Elizabeth Fiore

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: Betsy Freeman, Coordinator of Green Initiatives and Sustainability; Filomena Hengst, Teacher; Denise Birmingham, Teacher; Blair Alber, Teacher; Steve Foster, Township of Readington; Neil Hendrickson, Township of Readington; Mario Orlandi, Township of Readington; Marlene Orlandi, Township of Readington, former BOE

1. Introductions – All members introduced themselves and their involvement to welcome and orient new Green Committee member Elizabeth Fiore
2. National Green Schools Society - *Students Tatiana Hlinka, Riya Gupta, Eddie Lou, & Betsy Freeman*  
Ms. Freedman explained the nature and mission of the NGSS:  
**National Green Schools Society** provides a structured chapter-based program for high-achieving, environmentally focused students to create extraordinary impact in schools, organizations, and communities while getting the recognition they deserve on a state and national level.  
The students discussed their involvement, motivation, and goals, including community service. Lots of discussion on potential collaborative efforts between District and Township.
3. Building Learners Program Grant – *Betsy Freeman*  
Status update
4. Sustainable Jersey – *Betsy Freeman*  
The applications are proceeding, but it is difficult under current conditions. Many opportunities for points are not available, such as composting cafeteria food.
5. Green Initiatives – *Betsy Freeman*
  - Curricular / Extracurricular
  - Stewardship / Service Learning
  - Sustainable Facilities
  - Health, Well-being, Cultural Competencies
  - Strong Partnerships / Networks / Outreach
6. Food Service Management Company Bid – *Jason Bohm / Don Race*
  - Impact of COVID-19
  - Lunch TV Displays
  - Menu Planning: buy local, farm to school, fresh/frozen, meatless Mondays, student garden meals, etc.
  - Reusable Bottles / Water Filling Stations
  - Trays, Packaging, & Straws

- Flatware
- Composting / Biodegradable Materials

7. Sustainability Websites - *Eric Zwerling/Jonathan Hart/Betsy Freeman*

- District-Level: <https://www.readington.k12.nj.us/Page/3480>
- RMS: <https://sites.google.com/readington.k12.nj.us/gogreen/home>
- HBS: <https://www.readington.k12.nj.us/domain/483>
- TBS (Go Green Tab): <https://www.readington.k12.nj.us/Page/2980>
- WHS (Go Green Tab): <https://www.readington.k12.nj.us/domain/433>

Discussion regarding the District website and those of the schools. The District's sustainability information is fragmented, difficult to find, and dated. The schools are much better. Talk about how to improve and integrate them (District to schools and District to Township), and the audiences that will refer to them. Ms. Freeman showed an initial draft of what she was working on. Dr. Hart and Mr. Zwerling have scheduled a virtual meeting to go over ideas.

7. Our next meeting is to be held on February 16, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.