

GREEN COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 22, 2020  
[Earth Day 50]  
3:30 p.m.

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

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; Steve Foster, Township of Readington; Neil Hendrickson, Township of Readington

1. Global Goals Green Team launches RMS "Go Green!" - Presentation by Betsy Freeman & Students, Eddie and Chris.

"Go Green!" tab given very prominent placement on RMS website. Very well developed web pages, full of timely and curated content. Intent was to be engaging and deliver best of available resources from almost overwhelming options.

<https://sites.google.com/readington.k12.nj.us/gogreen/home>

Rooted in UN Goals for Sustainable Development. What we do locally matters globally. 4 major sections: "Team up against COVID-19!", "Reconnect with nature", "Build community – feed people", and "Code for a cause + STEAM ahead".

Excellent, informed and energetic presentation by the students.

2. Facilities - Don Race

National Green Ribbon recipient!!! Now all four Readington schools have this distinction.

School Closure-grounds and buildings still being cared for, drivers delivering lunches.

TBS Boiler Update-smaller more efficient to be installed, approval expected next board meeting.

Lighting install was complete. Projects to be completed over the summer. Using the opportunity of empty buildings to catch up on a lot.

3. Sustainable Jersey / Other Grants - Jodi Bettermann

2 open grants that were to be implemented this spring. Extensions asked for to complete in the fall.

4. New Position - Coordinator of Green Initiatives and Sustainability.

Discussion of the Job Description for the Coordinator, with a different/wider range of responsibilities than the Energy Manager position. Approval by full board sought at next board meeting.

Earth Day 2020 celebration was postponed due to Corona lockdown. A celebration will be rescheduled for the fall especially in light of national award.

5. One meeting left for the year. Still to be scheduled.