

NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BUSINESS COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING
ACTION SHEET

DATE: January 12, 2022
TO: Business Committee
FROM: Scott Saywell, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Advisory Committee

Recommendation

The Business Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) amend the Objectives under the Board Goal “To be a leader in environmental stewardship and sustainability” by removing reference to establishing an environmental sustainability committee and adding the objective of creating an Environmental Stewardship Action Plan.

Background

At the November Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the terms of reference (the “TOR”) for the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Advisory Committee (“ESSAC”). ESSAC has held a number of meetings pursuant to the TOR. This Action Sheet is to outline an initial recommendation from the ESSAC committee for the Board’s consideration.

Discussion

One of the Strategic Plan Objectives of the Board was to “Establish a Board Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Committee”. With the passage of the TOR this objective was achieved. ESSAC has discussed the matter and have determined that an appropriate next step for the Board’s consideration is to create an Environmental Stewardship Action Plan.

The Environmental Stewardship Action Plan will:

- 1) Cultivate personal ownership and a school district culture of environmental stewardship.
- 2) Guide school district practices and operations to minimize negative impacts on the natural environment.
- 3) Support teachers to develop awareness, knowledge, and understanding of environmental issues and initiatives.

The recommended motion to implement this recommendation is above.