

RSU5 Sustainability Committee
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February 7, 2023

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members: Susana Hancock, Amanda Johnson, Steven Konstantino, Sean Kirk, Will Pidden, Bob Stevens, Colin Cheney, Jean Skorapa, Marie Wendt, Luciana Bourgeois, Halle York, Teagan Davenport, Audrey Brogan

In Attendance: Susana Hancock, Sean Kirk, Bob Stevens, Colin Cheney, Jean Skorapa, Marie Wendt,

Guest: Donald Bresnahan (guest)

Absent: Amanda Johnson, Steven Konstantino, Will Pidden, Luciana Bourgeois, Halle York, Teagan Davenport, Audrey Brogan

Agenda:

1. Meeting dates for the year:
 - February 7, 2023
 - April 4, 2023
 - June 6, 2023

2. Composting Efforts - Sean
 - a. Challenges:
 1. Consistency of programming
 2. Staffing
 3. Buy in
 - b. Partnerships - Are there community members who might want to partner with the district? Ex. Wolfe Neck Farm?
 - c. MLS is the only program operating at this time.
 - d. Sean will develop a document for a successful program for committee input.
 - e. The committee recognizes that we have to be cognizant of any budgetary impact or additional workload impact to staff.

3. Electric Buses
 - a. Sean has a meeting next week with the Maine Pupil Transportation organization regarding electric buses.

- b. There are some infrastructure issues that have been identified by others who have purchased electric buses. For example, schools using electric bus transportation for athletic events may need to charge the bus at the other school.
- 4. Student Representatives
 - a. Follow up will occur with FHS to make sure the timing of the meetings works for our student representatives.
 - b. How can we get student voice?
 - c. Our next meeting will be at 7:00am to support student attendance.
- 5. Curriculum Connections
 - a. What are the curriculum connections that already exist?
 - b. How can we build a culture that supports sustainability?

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January 3, 2023

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

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In Attendance: Susana Hancock, Steven Konstantino, Sean Kirk, Will Pidden, Bob Stevens, Colin Cheney, Jean Skorapa, Marie Wendt

Guest: Donald Bresnahan, Mechanical Services

Absent: Amanda Johnson, Luciana Bourgeois, Halle York, Teagan Davenport, Audrey Brogan

Agenda:

1. Meeting dates for the year:

~~October 4, 2022~~

~~November 1, 2022~~

January 3, 2023

February 7, 2023

April 4, 2023

June 6, 2023

2. Welcome new members Colin Cheney and Sean Kirk

3. Composting

- a. Sean provided the committee with a report about current composting efforts in the district. At this time only Mast Landing School has an active composting program.
- b. Issues schools have faced regarding composting include: rodents, insects, poor participation, sorting (i.e., silverware discarded, trash placed in composting bins, etc.), lack of compost pick up
- c. Currently the district contracts with *Garbage to Garden* and *Wee Compost*.
- d. The goals of the composting effort are to provide a positive ecological impact and to teach children how small collective steps can result in bigger change.
- e. There has not been a monetary savings as the current waste collection contract is not impacted by less disposal.
- f. More information will be collected from the schools regarding the status of their efforts.

4. Electric vs. Gas Appliances
 - a. Electric appliances will be purchased for Pownal Elementary School due to the excessive cost of gas.

5. Town of Freeport Sustainability Efforts - Susana
 - a. The town of Freeport received grant money from the Greater Portland Council of Governments to work on climate resolutions. A Sustainability Coordinator has been hired in conjunction with Yarmouth.
 - b. There may be opportunities for the town work to coordinate with/support the schools.

6. Agenda Setting
 - a. Composting - School efforts
 - b. Electric Buses
 - c. Curriculum - Sustainability (April)

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

November 1, 2022

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members: Susana Hancock, Amanda Johnson, Steven Konstantino, Dennis Ouellette, Will Pidden, Bob Stevens, Valy Steverlynck, Jean Skorapa, Marie Wendt, Luciana Bourgeois, Halle York, Teagan Davenport, Audrey Brogan

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Absent: Amanda Johnson, Bob Stevens, Valy Steverlynck, Luciana Bourgeois, Halle York, Teagan Davenport, Audrey Brogan

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2. Updates - Dennis

a. Clean School Bus Rebate Program

Dennis is beginning the new grant application. He will spend this and next week digging into the requirements and forms. His goal is to have the application completed prior to his departure.

Electric buses cost \$400,000 - \$450,000 for a bus at the current time. The first charging station cost approximately \$20,000 including the site work. Charging stations are approximately \$5,000 after the first one.

b. Solar Savings

Solar savings from January - August was \$87,063. That is above the projected \$70,000 that was projected when we entered into this agreement.

c. Signage from Revision

Dennis has attempted to contact Nick Sampson from Revision Energy several times to no avail.

Steve will attempt to contact Nick as well.

d. Lighting Survey

Originally Mechanical Services agreed to perform a lighting survey along with the ventilation study and water savings study. In the summer, they came back with a statement from Dr. Bruce. With the solar savings in place and our cost of electricity, there was not enough savings to be realized.

Since this news, Efficiency Maine has offered some incentives that will pay for or almost pay for some upgrades to more efficient light choices. In turn, Dennis has contacted a company to do a lighting survey to verify if any savings are available. This company is confident that with the incentives from Efficiency Maine there will be savings in this area. The goal is to move away from fluorescent lights.

Part of the study will be to determine the amount of power being used and what the savings of use of power will be to meet the sustainability goal.

e. Composting

Composting is paid through the facilities budget. All the schools will return to composting at some point.

The providers are not willing to pick up at Durham and Pownal. Previously, compost from Durham and Pownal was brought to Mast Landing for pick up

This item will be added to the next meeting's agenda.

f. Electric vs. Gas Appliances

Nutrition Director, Erin Dow, is looking to purchase a new stove and steamer for Pownal. Natural gas exists in Pownal, so Dennis and Erin are looking at the feasibility of both electric and gas appliances.

Dennis will look at induction top ranges which are more efficient.

3. Goals for the Year

4. Agenda Setting

- Composting
- Electric vs. Gas Appliances
- Freeport Sustainability Committee Report Out - Susana

2021-2022 Agenda/Notes Below

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members: Becky Foley, Susana Hancock, Amanda Johnson, Steven Konstantino, Dennis Ouellette, Will Pidden, Bob Stevens, Valy Steverlynck, Marie Wendt, Luciana Bourgeois, Elizabeth Mellon, Halle York, Teagan Davenport, Audrey Brogan

In Attendance:

Absent: Susana

Agenda:

1. Teagan Davenport - partnering with Earth Club
 - a. Been working with tree-planting that focuses on planting more trees. They have raised 1500 this year, and planted about 200 trees throughout Freeport.
 - b. Could look more at the composting for next year or maintaining the garden.
 - c. Establishing the habits of being earth friendly is important.
 - d. Town of Freeport's Sustainability Committee would also love to help, especially with trees.
2. Policy update - Sustainability - slated to work on after the Memorial Policy. In the fall, Cynthia will provide information of further work required from the Sustainability group.
3. Grant update - Dennis
 - a. Will hear in late August about whether we qualify for an electric bus.
 - b. Applied for the rebate last week. They have received our application.
 - c. If we receive it, they will pay for the bus as long as you remove a diesel from the road. They may fund part of the chargers.
 - d. Dennis needs to meet with CMP.
4. Chargers - Dennis
 - a. Yarmouth feels it will cost about 20,000 to get hooked up.
 - b. If we get the correct charger, we can sell the power back when we save credits over the summer.
 - c. Should do some signage about being energy efficient if we receive the bus and van.
5. Update on solar - \$62,000 in savings
 - a. Dennis will reach out to Revision about the signage they had promised us for the schools to promote the project.

- b. Be sure to include in budget documents so that the public will know about these savings.
6. Roger Richmond in Freeport is interested in promoting the natural world for students and is willing to do so free of charge. He does this through his Roger 3D photography.
7. Other - This is the last meeting for the school year. We will start up again in the fall on October 4, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members: Becky Foley, Susana Hancock, Amanda Johnson, Steven Konstantino, Dennis Ouellette, Will Pidden, Bob Stevens, Valy Steverlynck, Marie Wendt, Luciana Bourgeois, Elizabeth Mellon, Halle York, Teagan Davenport, Audrey Brogan

In Attendance: Will Pidden, Susana Hancock, Becky Foley, Steve Konstantino, Valy Steverlynck, Marie Wendt,

Absent: Amanda Johnson, Dennis Ouellette, Bob Stevens, Luciana Bourgeois, Elizabeth Mellon, Halle York, Teagan Davenport, Audrey Brogan

Minutes:

1. Review age of vans - [share created document](#)
 - a. Begin shifting to hybrid as we need to replace.
 - b. Ford transit - coming out all electric. Could possibly get on a waiting list.
2. Electric buses
 - a. Dennis is driving a bus today so doesn't have an update on this.
3. Update on grant - Valy
 - a. Need age of fleet - we have done this.
 - b. May need to know how many miles each bus drives on a weekly/yearly basis.
 - c. Need a code to be identified by. Peggy and Dennis are working on this.
 - d. Valy and Dennis will get updates when needed about the process.
4. Other
 - a. Clean buses - a lot of private companies are trying to find ways to finance the fleets. They will do the logistics. There are a number of companies that are doing so.
 - b. We should enter talks around this.
 - c. Average miles - just divide miles from years.
 - d. Do we need buses that hold 77 students?

5. Covid letter - can enclose it & Community Newsletter - Spring - remind to ride the bus. Talk to Dennis first about the capacity to fill the buses because at this moment we continue to be short on drivers.
6. Chargers - don't need a super fast charger. Shouldn't be 20,000
7. Check sustainability policy. They are seeking feedback from Dennis, Erin, and the principals. This will not go to the Board before the fall.
8. Will move to a 7:30 start time beginning the next meeting. The next meeting will be held June 7th, no May meeting.

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members: Becky Foley, Susana Hancock, Amanda Johnson, Steven Konstantino, Dennis Ouellette, Will Pidden, Bob Stevens, Valy Steverlynck, Marie Wendt, Luciana Bourgeois, Elizabeth Mellon, Halle York, Teagan Davenport, Audrey Brogan

In Attendance: Susana Hancock, Valy Steverlynck, Becky Foley, Dennis Ouellette, Will Pidden, Marie Wendt

1. [Grant - buses](#)
 - a. Partnership with GPCog is looking into money for sustainability projects. We sent a letter of interest to them. Valy said she would be a point person.
 - b. Lion bus company - buses in Mass and Vermont, Mt. Desert Island,
 - c. Specifics are in link.
 - d. Should we be looking at vans first that could be a little more flexible?
 - e. Create a document showing the age of the vans, similar to the buses.
 - f. Do we sell the older buses and buy more cost efficient buses?
 - g. Some grant money is available for electric buses.
2. Update on solar - fully running at 100%
 - a. Hoping to realize a savings of 38,000
3. Time of meetings to ensure student involvement
 - a. Contact students and offer the option of meeting at a room in the high school.
 - b. Students bring good insight.
 - c. Information that could travel between Green Team and the Sustainability Committee
 - i. Transportation in RSU 5.
 - ii. Pose questions to them.

- iii. Could the Green Team Advisor be facilitating the discussion?
- iv. Or could they join us when they get to school?
- v. Or could a member of the Sustainability Team join their group?
- vi. Ridership - how to incentivize students to ride the bus, walk or bike to school or carpooling?
- vii. How to save 80-100 emissions a day?
- viii. How to reduce collective footprint in traveling to school?

4. Other

- a. Maine Farm to Sea Institute
- b. Running a year long program next year - Marie will reach out to Erin to see if she is aware of.
- c. Susana will be unable to attend next month

Agenda:

- 9. Invite Green Team Advisor - partnering with the Green Team.
- 10. Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 5th 7-8:00 am
- 11. Review age of vans - share created document
- 12. Update on grant - Valy

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members: Becky Foley, Susana Hancock, Amanda Johnson, Steven Konstantino, Dennis Ouellette, Will Pidden, Bob Stevens, Valy Steverlynck, Marie Wendt, Luciana Bourgeois, Elizabeth Mellon, Halle York, Teagan Davenport, Audrey Brogan

Attendance: Becky, Dennis, Marie, Valy, Steven, Bob

Absent: Will, Luciana, Elizabeth, Halle, Teagan, Audrey

Agenda:

- 1. Update on Solar - Dennis
 - a. Up and running as of December 6 - partially. CMP is not entirely ready on the substation.
 - b. December 9 - Officially began with ribbon cutting in Acton.
 - c. Should begin seeing savings within the next month
 - d. Nick - when will we be at 100? We are building our budget and need an estimate.
 - e. Publicity
 - i. Where is the signage to place in the schools.
- 2. Audit Update - Dennis
 - a. Mechanical Services is conducting the audit

- i. Ventilation is done except for one unit which will be installed in June after school is out
 - ii. Assessment of electricity bill is what they are currently doing.
 - iii. Also, studying the lighting and will figure out savings and cost to move to LED.
 - 1. Will this be ready for the current budget we are working on?
- 3. Sustainability Advisory Committee has moved from Advisory to a Committee - Becky
- 4. Other
 - a. Sustainability Policy
 - i. Has been sent to MSMA and reviewed
 - ii. IS currently in queue behind memorials, workplace bullying
 - b. Electric buses
 - i. Potentially could lease
 - ii. Might need a charger
 - c. State may be releasing some funds for sustainability
 - i. March 22 is the deadline
 - ii. Can join forces as a region (GPCOG) or individually
 - d. Teaching and Education
 - i. How to change mindsets about our natural world?
 - ii. Freeport Climate Action Now - January 20 @ 7:00
 - e. Will meet in February
 - i. Grant
 - ii. Update on solar
 - iii. Time of meetings to ensure student involvement

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Attendance: Becky Foley, Dennis Ouellette, Steven Kanstantino, Marie Wendt, Bob Stevens
 Absent: Susana Hancock, Will Piddenn, Amanda Johnson, Valy Steverlynck, Luciana Bourgeois,
 Elizabeth Mellon, Halle York, Teagan Davenport, Audrey Brogan
 Visitor: Nick Sampson, ReVision

Agenda:

1. Update on Solar - Dennis/Nick
 - a. Revision will print signs to put into the schools.
 - i. Marketing manager - Emily Nadeau - options for marketing:
 1. Pre Completion - if interested in having something done before completion. Could support a press release right before it comes online.
 - a. Internal messaging - right before it is completed.
 2. Post completion
 - a. Lists some brief information
 - b. Drone photo of the system
 - c. Like to do some ribbon cuttings so we can see the project in completion
 - d. Provide support with production module that is a public portal
 - e. Will include signage. - Emily will work with us on this.
 - b. Maine Power Options: We have entered into a two year agreement for the rest of our electrical costs.
 - i. Try to keep supply rates as low as possible.
 - c. Nick update:
 - i. Hoped to begin in September, but there has been some delays
 - ii. Construction schedule
 1. Now hoping for completion around November
 2. Interconnection agreement
 - a. CMP started reaching out to say they had missed some issues around the grid which impacted about 50% of the projects. Their initial estimates to correct it were high. It was resolved after they provided more refined efforts. It won't impact savings over the 20 year power purchase agreement. The savings will be realized later than we would have under the original schedule.
 - b. Panels will be up this week as well as the fence. Mechanical completion will occur on October 24. When we send electricity out to the grid will depend upon CMP completing their tests. Inservice date as December 6.
 3. Once the system is up and running, it takes a couple of months to see the credits on the CMP bill. After a month or two of agreements, Nick will come back to show us how this works on the bills. Could be helpful for someone in the business office to

know how the credits work. Nick doesn't mind reviewing from time to time.

2. Update on Audit - Mechanical Services - Dennis
 - a. Ventilation systems audit has been completed. Most schools were fine. MSS needed upgrades. This has been taking place during the summer. Late in receiving one unit. It's a ten day project to install. This will be completed next summer. All classroom units in C wing have been changed.
 - b. Lighting audit will be completed next. High school is mostly LED.
 - c. Lastly would be some water management.
 - d. How about carbon dioxide monitoring? This happens at MSS and FHS currently. Trying to maintain 800 parts per millions or less for ideal levels during COVID.
3. Review of Prioritized List from 2018:
 - a. Solar Project - Ongoing issue.
 - b. Teaching – would like an overview of what is currently being taught in sustainability
 - c. Education:
 - i. Encouraging students to ride the bus more,
 - ii. Kids turning off computer and phones;
 - iii. Reducing the cardboard waste.
 1. Earth Club – Being earth friendly. Getting metal straws to sell.
 2. Beach clean up.
 3. Green team at Mast Landing School.
 4. Community Service
 - d. Nutrition - completed
 1. Reduce waste in this area.
 2. Composting
 - e. Reducing carbon emissions/footprint.
 1. Talk about vehicles that we use.
 2. How can we reduce the paper output?
 - f. [Draft Sustainability Policy](#)
 - i. Make sure policy/procedure is aligned.
 - ii. Could the students do some graphics around this policy?
 - iii. Earth Club students may be willing to do this.
 - iv. Does Region 10 have graphic design?
4. Next meeting January 4, 2021
 - a. Update on Solar
 - b. Audit Update
 - c. Board Update about the future of Sustainability Committee: Advisory/Standing

2020-2021 Agendas/Notes - Below

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Absent:

1. Dennis will report out on the policy - [idling](#). Finalize policy to send forward to committee.
2. Update on the audit by Mechanical Services
 - a. Morse Street School Ventilation Work
 - i. Equipment has been ordered. This will begin when school gets out.
 - b. Comprehensive lighting review completed
 - c. Building insulation is being completed.
 - d. Utility Analysis is being done.
 - e. Initial report will be ready by the end of May. Once the report is completed, we will decide what the next steps are and prioritize between the lighting, building insulation, utility, etc...
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 - a. Make sure policy/procedure is aligned.
 - b. Could the students do some graphics around this policy?
 - c. Earth Club students may be willing to do this.
 - d. Does Region 10 have graphic design?
4. [Communication](#) around the solar piece - Susana and Valy will assist Becky in creating a draft.
 - a. Share in school newsletters
 - b. Could we put this into graphic form? Becky will connect with the art department
 - c. Revision will print signs to put into the schools. Dennis will reach out to them.
 - d. [April Forecaster - Preserving Nature's Future](#)
5. [Other](#)
 - a. [Next meeting will be in October](#)

MEETING CANCELLED

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Absent:

1. Dennis will report out on the policy - idling. Finalize policy to send forward to committee.
2. Update on the audit.
3. Communication around the solar piece - Susana and Valy will assist Becky in creating a draft.

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Attendance: Becky, Dennis, Valy, Steve, Susana, Marie, Bob, Will

Absent: Amanda

1. [Draft Sustainability Policy](#)

Discussed that the policy reads that we will meet at least twice a year depending on the work to be done.

No idling policy - is this the direction we want to go? What are the expectations or exceptions?

- a. Fall and spring this makes sense
- b. In the winter, not sure about this. Currently we do this unless it is 20 degrees or colder.
 - i. Dennis will see if there is a state law around idling. There is one passenger vehicles. Chapter 582 - cannot idle for more than 30 minutes.
 - ii. Dennis will research the law and get back to the group.

2. Update on audit

The audit is ongoing. The ventilation system is almost complete. There is work that needs to be done at Morse Street School. Dennis has begun to work on the RFP with Rick, Director of Finance. Now focusing more on the lighting audit and switching to more LEDs. They are beginning the energy management study which includes scheduling. Becky and Dennis will be meeting with Mechanical Services on Friday.

Question around peak energy use in the summer - not sure why this was happening. We want to look at trying to prevent use during the peak times.

Lighting upgrades - make sense to switch LEDs - they will want to sell all new fixtures instead of a bulb swap out. This can save a lot of money.

3. [Update on Solar Project](#)

Hopefully will be online in late August or September. CMP were going to charge more for the use of the substation. Feel like they have backed off on this.

Sustainability tip for the month. This would be a good time to talk about our solar project. It would be good to have the signs to display at the schools when this begins.

4. Other

- a. Are there ways to incentivize students to do a better job of composting?
 - i. Next year administrators will get into the school, involve Erin, and see what can be done. Kinks need to be worked out at the high school. The Earth Club reached out to the Freeport Sustainability Committee. There may need to be additional training for the students.
 - ii. Will noted that there is a lot of silverware that gets lost unintentionally at DCS. They use student monitors. It might be best to buy the disposed silverware back from the company.
 - iii. We want kids to understand that it is a way for them to contribute at the student level, creating good habits around sustainability.
- b. Electric buses
 - i. Expense - 300-400,000 per bus
 1. Mt. Desert Island has some
 - ii. Brunswick is using the propane buses
 - iii. Town of Freeport may have opportunities for bulk purchasing.

Agenda

Dennis will report out on the policy - idling. Finalize policy to send forward to committee.

Update on the audit.

Communication around the solar piece - Susana and Valy will assist Becky in creating a draft.

Next meeting is April Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

The February 2, 2021 Meeting was Cancelled

Attendance:

Absent:

1. [Draft Sustainability Policy](#)

2. Update on audit
3. Other

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Tuesday, January 5, 2021
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

The January 5, 2021 Meeting was cancelled

Attendance:

Absent:

1. Update on audit
2. Signed
3. Brainstorm - any items around budget that needs to be included in FY 22 budget????

Tuesday, December 1, 2020
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Attendance: Becky, Dennis, Valy, Will, Marie

Absent: Susana, Amanda, Bob, Steven

1. Updates on solar project
 - a. Finalizing the contract. Site will be in Acton. Hope to sign the contract this week. If we wanted to add more, would probably need to revise contract or write a different one.
2. Update on audit

- a. Mostly working on the ventilation at MSS. Need to readjust for the winter. Will do this on a Saturday.
 - b. Mechanical Services would like to meet with the Sustainability Committee about projects needed going forward with ventilation. Will need to replace some of the ventilators. Some were replaced in 1996. Trying to identify needs.
 - c. Dennis and I will reach out to Mechanical Services about the audit.
3. Next meeting: Jan. 5
4. Look at [sample policies](#) that everyone brings
- a. Look at page 4 as there are some sample policies there
 - b. [Portland](#)
 - c. None of our cohort schools have a policy for Sustainability
 - d. [Sample Policy](#)
 - e. [Austin Sample Policy](#)
- Look at streamlining
 - What is driving our thinking?
 - What will our focus be on reducing carbon emission

Becky will check with Cynthia on Board policy.

Draft policy to bring to the next meeting based upon the Portland policy.

Wellness - do we try to combine the two policies?

Keep separate.

Jan 5 Agenda:

Draft policy - Will/Valy will assist in creating draft policy

Update on audit

Brainstorm - any items around budget that needs to be included in FY 22 budget????

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Attendance: Becky Foley, Susana Hancock, Steven Konstantino, Dennis Ouellette, Will Pidden

Absent: Amanda Johnson, Bob Stevens, Valy Steverlynck, Marie Wendt

1. Update on Solar - Dennis

Moving us to either Acton or Naples, probably a site in Naples will be quicker to be developed. Cutting trees, clearing the land. Lots of work to be done to get ready. Goal is to begin now. Both of these sites are approved to go. Building over the winter for late summer

early fall production of 2021. Does this change the deal? No, we should still be producing 72%. Doesn't change net metering credit. Risky to increase to 85%. Don't know what happens if we do not produce the 72%. Investor expects us to produce/ expend a certain amount of electricity. Growth of electricity over time is a consideration. Ventilation this winter may cause more electricity, but following year may produce less. Can always buy more later. **Dennis will ask Nick whether we can buy 13% more later.**

2. Update on the Audit - Mechanical Services - Dennis

Began ventilation. There was an air balancer come in to ensure adequate ventilation in all rooms. At MSS, there were a few issues. Adjustments were made to ensure proper ventilation. Repaired some dampers. At PES working on an old air handler. Working on getting that done currently. At FMS, there were some small adjustments to increase the airflow. There are new windows in PES. There are also CO2 detectors at FMS and MSS. These are up and running, providing data regularly. Level currently 907 which is a good level. Plan is to upgrade ventilation at MSS. We are writing an RFQ. Wanting to change it to an electronic version. Increasing ventilation to 9 hours a day, from midnight to 4pm.

Moving forward will look at lighting, security, lighting, fire protection, all mechanical systems, roofs, etc.

3. Curriculum Update - Becky - this is on hold for a year while we review the social studies curriculum around equity.

4. Update on Composting - Dennis

Goal is to compost at all of the schools. We Compost It will be doing all of the schools. Will be entering into an agreement shortly. MLS is already doing this with We Compost It. Will and Emily will connect to get DCS up and running. Hope to do the same at PES. Kids are asking for it at FHS. Dennis has not connected with Julie at MSS. FMS is good to go. Will need to follow up with Erin, Director of Nutrition. There may be a capacity issue around this. Can we use compostable plates? Easier to use products we can recycle.

5. Review of brainstormed list - Becky

- Policy for sustainability
 - A filter you use when making decisions.
 - Educationally, economically - how to balance all of this?
 - Do corporations/ other districts have this created?
- Education
- Reducing carbon emission
 - What is our focus?
- Community service
- Other:
 - Electrifying bus fleet
 - Economically - does this make sense?
 - Check to see if we can install a charger.

6. Next meeting - Dec. 1

- Updates on solar project
- Update on audit
- Look at sample policies that everyone brings
 - Look at streamlining
 - What is driving our thinking?
 - What will our focus be on reducing carbon emission