



NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLEGE GREEN TEAM

Meeting of November 26, 2010
Dawson Creek Regional Board Room

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- Present:** M. Armstrong (Chair), C. Ravelli, S. Sandvik, D. Hill, A. Starr, M. Douglas, A. Robertson, A. Johnsen (recording)
- Absent:** H. Mayer, M. Mintenko, D. Kane, A. Bell, B. Haugen, E. Leer, J. Seidl, J. Leclair, K. Sloan, T. Roberts
- Guest:** L. Roscoe (student)

1. Green Team Logo Contest Winner

C. Ravelli presented L. Roscoe, NLC student with a \$500 cheque for the winning entry for the NLC Logo Contest.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as circulated.
Approved by consensus

2. Adoption of Minutes, October 29, 2010

The minutes of October 29, 2010 were adopted as circulated.
Approved by consensus

3. Action List

See Action List notes.

Recycled Paper Use in Ricoh Copiers – S. Sandvik mentioned that we need to share what paper is being used and working at other locations and what Ricoh states we should use. D. Hill stated, Ricoh has already been asked for acceptable paper use, but nothing has been substantiated. Tumbler Ridge and Dawson Creek Campus use 30 % recycled paper; Regional does not.

ACTION: C. O'Donnell and D. Hart to contact Ricoh to find out what recycled paper products can Ricoh machines use.

Budget Printout – there is about \$4,000 in the budget. Will use money for the purchase of the Green Team recyclable bags. There is \$2000 from the NLC Foundation Grant to purchase the recyclable bags. Money will be used to hire an Energy Manager.

4. Computer Power Save & BC Hydro Rebate

This coming year IT is moving in to using a new antivirus product. The company has a computer power-wise system. Cost would be nominal. BC Hydro provides up to 75% off and so much per license (\$6). The deep freeze product that we already purchase and use is about 1/10 of the cost to the College. Power savings would be seen in 3-6 months. With the BC Hydro rebate NLC's cost could be around \$5,000. D. Hill will pass on this info to E. Leer and C. O'Donnell. This computer product can be scheduled region wide to turn off and on at designated times.

5. Recyclable Bag Update (see attached examples).

Already addressed; see Item #3 Action List.

- 6. Cafeteria Use of Recyclable Items** - C. Ravelli provided info from a Nanaimo company, The Biocompostables Store that sells recyclable products such as, cornstarch utensils, sugarcane plates and biocompostable cups, for a reasonable price. Why not use dishes that have to be washed. Fort St. John and Dawson Creek both have commercial dishwashers. Does the Committee have jurisdiction over program areas using non-recyclable products? Is there program money to purchase biodegradable products in place of Styrofoam/plastics?

ACTION: M. Armstrong to speak to J. Lekstrom and address the issue.

7. Energy Manager

Approval to move forward was received from J. Valgardson. A letter was sent to proposed partners and will be presented to the Administration Committee on December 2. School District #59 and City of Dawson Creek have committed, but the Fort Nelson School District #81 has not committed yet. There may be funding available from BC Hydro, but we may have to front load the cost first to hire an Energy Manger and wait for rebate from BC Hydro. We need a quality business plan to put forward to BC Hydro for the funding. The Green Team has \$46,000 to front load the hiring of the Energy Manager.

Adjournment at 10:20am

Next meeting January 28, 2011, at 9:30am