

Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee

Background Beecher Road School has undertaken projects and initiatives to make progress on sustainability in the past 10 years, including:

- Energy Savings Project Upgrade to Beecher Road School completed in 2016/17
- Micro-turbine installation at BRS as part of Energy Savings Project 2015/16
- Solar Panel Installation completed in spring of 2017
- Grounds projects to create Bioswales as part of Capital Projects in last 10 years
- Updated lighting changes – need to verify dates and type of lighting updates.
- Environmental Stewards student group whose responsibility was to maintain Bioswales (no longer active)
- Standard recycling of classroom paper, plastic, glass, etc.
- Coordination with Massaro Farm to introduce locally grown and healthy food in BRS cafeteria
- 3 day pilot project in spring 2018 on food waste reduction through composting and recycling in cafeteria, done in coordination with the Town of Woodbridge Sustainability Committee.

Charge: Recommend Sustainability Projects to WBOE for 2018-19 and 2019-2020 school years. Initial focus will be on evaluating the feasibility and benefits of Beecher establishing composting in cafeteria to reduce food waste and becoming part of the Green Leaf School program, and improving recycling efforts within the school. Working with the Town Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee, this group will identify funding options for sustainability initiatives, including use of grants and PTO. Identification of possible grants available is part of the charge to this committee.

Timeframe: Recommend first meeting for this group be in January, with expectation of recommendation to WBOE at May meeting.

Committee Membership:

Claire Coleman – from WBOE

Additional WBOE member

Jon Gorham - Chair from Town Of Woodbridge Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee (or other Committee representative)

Parent representatives (2)

Bob Gilbert – Woodbridge Superintendent

Building administrator – either Lisa or Gina?

Jane Roddy – Cafeteria Supervisor

Vito Esparo – Facilities Manager

BRS Staff members (1-2)