

**SENSE meeting**  
**November 3, 2008**  
**NSTU**  
**9:10am start**

Welcome by Alexis Allen

- Peace ed
- Sustainability
- Environment

2005-2014 UNESCO decade of education

Green Street

Committed to One Million Acts of Green

NSTU - energy efficient space, fair trade coffee

-Tamara invites someone from NSTU to join advisory committee (asked to Alexis)

Green Street is different than Green Streets different than Green Learning (Larry says Green Learning is non-responsive).

Green Street- for all of Canada

Bruntlin Program from Quebec- interest in promoting outside of Quebec (Lauren's comment)

The Teacher- use it, send in articles, photos one month in advance

**Attendees:** (Name, org, main sust. Ed priority)

Tamara Lorincz – NSEN, SENSE – fed gov continues to funds sust. Ed, increase funding

Daisy Kidston- Clean NS – classroom ed, social and economic issues included with science of climate change

Laurel MacIvor – Museum of Natural History – make stronger connections between nature, conservation and action

Bev Williams – MSVU prof – raise awareness and appreciation of environment with new teachers, developing a sense of wonder at all ages

Nicole Lantz – Sprout – connecting the sust. Ed resources, formal: disconnect between what is done and what is taught

Heidi Verheul – teacher, SENSE rep – helping students see that they can do small actions

Jenny White – teacher – raise awareness on board and encourage more enviro-friendly construction, increasing awareness

Rhea Dawn Mahar - Evergreen, Tree Canada – have students do hands on work

Janelle Frail – NSEN – getting information out to the masses using formal, non-formal and informal education

Larry Bell – SRA – formal education

Steve Brine – School Board – school building enviro friendly, source separation  
Jesse Wishart– Taking it Global.org – young people thinking about sustainability, formal ed

Karen Potter – EC – collaboration, work and learn together, interconnected

Kim Monaghan – Dal ES Student and EC – non-formal enviro ed

Ron Farrell – NSCC – empowering students

*Later...*

Cheryl Kaisor-

**Tamara:** presentation on SENSE (PowerPoint)

Comments: poverty, waste water issues for this decade, year could be ideas for Teach-ins.

**Ron Farrell** presentation (slide handouts)

**Sustainability in Nova Scotia Public School** presentation (slide handouts)

Ann Blackwood, Natalie Flinn, Marilyn Webster, Kilah Hayden

BRAINSTORMING about what SENSE can do:

*Symposium:*

- NEW Audiences to get people to symposiums (teachers are overwhelmed):  
Parents, rec coordinators, seniors, life-long learning, non and in-formal people
- Go to other communities?
- Pair with other events?
- Early spring
- Something needs to be done by the end of March (funding from LSF)
- Dept of Education suggested helping with funding (money only for symposium, not SENSE group) and having it in the fall
- Poverty is also a possible topic
  
- Report on what kind of work that is going on now and the results, updating resource directory online
  
- Need alternative funding... non-government and non-foundation... based on stakeholders (?)
  
- Tamara will talk with Leana Garrison about Green Mobility strategy (EAC sustainable transportation)
  
- Laurel – food, other events happen and SENSE has a presence there, getting message out to people who won't come to symposium. Identify audience, needs assessment and be strategic to what we do with the needs
  - Late May- outdoor experiential symposium

Larry lead:

## STRENGTHS

Contacts, organizations

Knowledge

    Broad base

    Non-formal

    Formal

Enthusiasm, passion

Leadership and skills

funding

## SKILLS

Tree planting

Education research

biodiversity

curriculum development

climate change

alternative social networking

coordinating

event planning

public speaking

## AUDIENCE/RECEPTORS

Teachers

School-age children

Parents

Seniors

Recreation instructors (multipliers)

Youth groups

General public

Post-secondary

First Nations

Spiritual organizations

Unions

Media

Corporations

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- SENSE meeting action plan done by a professional facilitator with SENSE people discussing about how to advance sustainable education in Nova Scotia
- Meetings in Antigonish (February), Bridgewater (January) and Halifax (March)

## MEETING

Action plan: Heidi, Janet, Laurel, Rhea, Janelle (note taking, coordinating) – e-mail pre-reading, put formal non-formal, informal on TOP of document