

APPENDIX 11 – HANDOFF PRESENTATION

This is a presentation in which the members of the leadership team (you) present the completed sustainability plan to the whole school. It is very short and can be fit into a general assembly that includes other topics. This presentation is not essential – the school can simply distribute the sustainability plan to all students with a note – but it is a nice touch. All of you can be on stage, but only one or two of you will speak. Here is a suggested presentation (change it as you wish).

This presentation can simply be read if that is easier. If two people do it you can alternate paragraphs.

“Dear students and teachers. Our school has done something quite important; created its first sustainability plan. And we are here to present it to you.

What is this Sustainability Plan? It is an agenda for action to bring us more in harmony with the environment. The plan suggests a) projects for the school to do, b) projects for students to do with family and friends, and c) projects to do with the community. For example, our Sustainability Plan proposes: (name a couple of projects).

How did we develop the Sustainability Plan? The team of people you see here volunteered for training from the Ottawa Biosphere Eco-City Initiative and Sustainable Youth Canada. This took place at short sessions at the school and was fun. Then we had (xx number) classes take part in a one-period workshop to suggest key issues and projects for the plan. These are organized by ten Themes – Transportation, Energy, Food, etc. From their input, our team produced the Sustainability Plan, an Implementation Strategy and other material.

Here is the Sustainability Plan [hold up a copy]. It is on the school’s website and everyone needs to read it. Don’t worry; it is short and easy to read. Then everyone can pick a project to do. This can even be something that is not in the plan. You should do something you enjoy.

Thank you everyone for the time you put into creating the Sustainability Plan. This includes members of the project team, classes who participated in the workshop, teachers and school administrators. Thanks to the Ottawa Biosphere Eco-City Initiative and Sustainable Youth Canada for creating the project. And thanks in advance to all of you for joining in. Let’s do this and show we are the best school around”.