

ORSC Steering Committee Minutes  
February 11, 2014 at 5pm Room 120 ORHS

Present: Nancy Clavette, Sarah Larson-Dennen, Matt Lynch, Jamie Pageau, Griffin Sinclair-Wingate , Ed Charle, John Carroll, Julia Dundorf, Mary Caulfield, Maggie Morrison, Cyd Scarano, Emily Spognardi, Cristina Dolcino, Dennis Harrington

I. Call to Order 5:03 motion: Cristina second: Dennis

I. Welcome/Introductions

II. Preliminary Actions

1. Approval of Agenda - motion: Dennis second: Matt

2. Approval of Minutes: January 14, 2014 meeting - a few changes made and then motion: Cristina  
second: Dennis

3. Correspondence/News- none

III. Public Comments

IV. Old Business

1. Discussion Sub Committees work-

a. Food and Gardens

i. "Production Garden" letter from Dr. Morse to every District family - 10 individuals expressed interest

John, Sarah, Dennis- will brainstorm contacts for 2<sup>nd</sup> round of emails to individuals/groups "outside" of District. Anticipated meeting in March with all interested individuals

b. Facilities- Dennis: Power Down initiative showed a reduction of electricity usage  
Mary reported out:

MW-60% less electricity usage over December 2013 holiday break

MOH-53% less electricity usage over December 2013 holiday break

MS-40% electricity usage over December 2013 holiday break

HS 35% electricity usage over December 2013 holiday break

When comparing mid Jan to mid Feb in 2013 with a similar mid Jan to mid Feb in 2014 has shown a reduction of 30% less KW hours due to the retrofitting of light fixtures and other energy saving work.

Estimated Cost savings from last year: \$25/day/school in electricity

c. Transportation- Biofuel resource down still, 3 new diesel buses will be purchased if this year's budget is passed.

John- it should be remembered that biodiesel is not a sustainable source of energy for buses. It involves significant processing, the growing of corn grain, and comes from significant distance (our biodiesel is from Georgia).

d. Educational Outreach-

i. Button Up Event (home energy savings workshop): 20 people attended. Mary mentioned that after the event took place several Community people told her if they had known they would have attended...

Matt- thought this was a worthwhile event- informative and even though it was a smaller turnout than desired it still provided a resource.

2. Green Teams work

a. Power Down- Emily: HS meeting with Green Team Club every week for one hour. Signs and banners have been made. On March 5<sup>th</sup> Rian Bedard will make 2 presentations to HS students at assemblies.

- \* HS- volunteers will monitor the Composting during lunch periods and then after that a check-in once a month
- \* Talking with Rian on phone at Green Team Club
- \* 4-5 regular students attend Green Team Club meetings on Thursday after school for 1 hr
- \* announcements everyday about sustainability issues
- \* bi-weekly newsletter put on the back of the bathroom stalls
- \* The Green Team Club students want to help with sustainability tours
- \* Composting: Mr. Fox has not been picking up composting

Jamie- talked with Jim and it is too contaminated and Mr. Fox is unable to pick it up. Effort are being done to fix this situation.

Emily- Kathleen Young is making a video to be aired at the HS

Matt- Has the District gotten the numbers of the tons of saving? We need to get those figures

Mary- Trash weight is going down.... at the MS it is 100 pounds less/week

Griffin- Demonstrate the change of recycling/composting

Maggie- maybe make ORSC part of the orientation program part of this presentation

b. "Sustainability Tours" for the Community- meeting again to discuss

c. MS- Mary

Easels were pushed up to the buckets in the cafeteria to ease process and then Mr. Lofgren rigged a pull down screen from the ceiling with the pictures to make it even easier  
Solar panels- Mary will talk with 3 leads to talk to people- Berwick .

Idling in front of MS- some cars starting at 2:00 before pick-up

Helped Sue Bissell make cheese for "Women in Science" after school program for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Next Thursday EcoMaine Tour recycling plant is a possibility

Kathleen Young- meeting with Nell about a month ago about video. One about the cafeteria one about composting MS student involved in making a video  
John: The phase 1 in "solar panel" projects in Durham is finished for library, police, Jackson's rink buildings by Revision Energy. You would imagine the Schools would be the next step in being involved in this money savings for the District.

Phase 2: next step is the development of a solar park  
Matt- suggested buying the kit on-line to install for an educational "model" for students to use. This would be manageable. Matt is willing to help with the building of the "model" solar panels. Al Lofgren continuing with research on solar panels.

Mast Way - Work on composting and PTO events that need to identify composting system in March. Will be attending the staff meeting to educate/discuss what could be more sustainable choices when organizing grade level events and working with parents. The purchasing of a dishwasher and real plates for staff is being investigated. All school assembly in April with the learning of a song. Water garden installation is being considered

f. MOH- "Sustainability" skit presented by 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> graders to all grades was shown. Cyd - created the power point with help from UNH Intern, Maria, with the teaching of the presenters of the material and rehearse. The topics presented include maple sugaring, snowfall amounts, and the NH moose populations and how climate change seems to be affecting them.

### 3. Promoting ORSC work

#### a. Within District:

- i. Report to School Board this spring with as late a date as possible. Cristina will pick a date after hearing about Emily's availability.

Ed recommended a 20 minutes presentation with 10 minutes Q and A

\*One Green Team member speak about: Green Teams initiatives/work/amount of time/challenges/ achievements

Green Team will decide individual to present to SB

Dennis- Green team feedback to School Board about what worked and what is not perfect but can be changed to be more effective

\*Two ORSC members present information

Dennis: Prior to the School Board presentation, the Green Team members should give Steering Committee feedback and then present a "game plan" for next year to School Board

#### b. Outside District

- i. Newspaper press release- Cristina is working on this

### 4. Child Nutrition - not today

### 5. Other- none

## V. New Business

1. District Update- Dr. Morse mentioned ORSC at the Durham Town Council meeting recently when presenting budget.
2. "Summit" Meeting Update- Maggie- shared initiative to start a conversation to better coordinate and use resources in the three Towns more collaboratively and effectively. Kevin Gardner, Durham Energy- on board with idea and is working on developing a plan/individuals  
It is anticipated that Maggie is writing a seed money grant through NE Grassroots Fund to pull together Community, School, and Faith individuals so all can have leverage on resources. Durham is focused on right now... Durham Energy is focusing on transportation  
Planning meeting will happen first to start planning a Summit.  
Julia asked about the possibility of developing/sending out a Community Survey to gather the interests/emphasis of the three Town citizens. Maggie: this option is not specifically being consider right now.  
Outside facilitator is being investigated/contacted by Kevin Gardner to lead planning and "summit" meeting
3. Spring Event- Todd's Trot- Cristina will contact Mr. Heuchling or ORHS representative for possible ORSC involvement/exposure  
Also consider involvement during Bobcat Bolt participation
4. Other

## VI. Public Comments- none

## VII. Future Steering Meeting date

Next meeting **Wednesday, March 26** at 5 pm the OR High School, Room 120.

## VIII. Future Full ORSC Meetings at ORHS Library:

~~Wed. Jan. 8, 2014 7pm Snowdate Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>~~

Wed. March 12, 2014 7pm

Wed. May 14, 2014 7pm

## IX. Closing Actions (5 minutes)

- a. Agenda planning for next Steering Committee meeting
- b. Agenda planning for March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Full ORSC meeting-none
- c. Other

## X. Adjournment 6:43 motion: Cristina second: Nancy