

ORSC Steering Committee Minutes
March 26, 2014 at 5pm Room 120 ORHS

Present: Ed Charle, Dennis Harrington, Maggie Morrison, Sarah Larson-Dennen, Cristina Dolcino, Mary Caulfield, Cyd Scarano (late), Barry Kaplan (late)

I. Call to Order 5:06 motion: Sarah second: Cristina

I. Welcome/Introductions

II. Preliminary Actions

1. Approval of Agenda - motion: Dennis second: Sarah Approved

2. Approval of Minutes: February 11, 2014 meeting motion: Sarah second: Cristina approved

3. Correspondence/News- none

III. Public Comments- none present

IV. Old Business

1. UNH Interns- Brian attended the "Production Garden" meeting (2nd one) on 3-24-14.

Sarah offered to meet with Leticia and Brian and give a tour of the Moharimet Gardens. Dennis suggested to map out all the gardens in the District as an initial task once the snow is gone.

Maggie- suggested to develop a sense of what it is like to be in the Schools would also be a good idea. Keep the expectations simple.

2. Discussion Sub Committees work-

a. Food and Gardens- Sarah: continue to work on Production Gardens with the endpoint of June 2016. Dennis: two more meetings and a plan will be in place. Then delegate of efforts. Education and production with focus being on there being gardening opportunities available for teachers. The next meeting will be Monday, April 7th 6:30pm at Moharimet.

b. Facilities- The investigation of the Blue Ribbon Schools NH Application

http://www.education.nh.gov/program/school_approval/application.htm was discussed at the Full meeting last week. The recommendation was made to review this Award and consider using it to do such things as help organize, provide structure, and initiative ideas as ORSC members and the Green Team Leaders take on roles and responsibilities. No suggestion has been made to formally apply for this award.

A vote will take place on May 14 at Full meeting to further investigate, study, and implement ideas, organization guidance etc... from the Green Ribbon Schools program

Maggie- suggested that flexibility be an element to allow collaboration and "availability" should support be requested to help with an initiative or event by individuals outside or

ORSC but under the "umbrella" of sustainability. "Summit" meeting in Durham is an example of possible networking support to other groups or individuals.

Cyd- Phillips Exeter Academy: their award application is online and there was involvement with the Exeter Public school Superintendent. The awards from different schools are very interesting to read. <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/2013-schools/nh-phillips-exeter-academy.pdf>

Maggie- Having the focus to stick with one project (e.g., Durham Energy Committee and the bike/walk paths) is better than many projects without reaching success or completion

c. Transportation- nothing to report.

d. Educational Outreach- Foster's article is being worked on by Cyd and Cristina with the goal of being at Foster's in 10 days

3. Green Teams work highlights:

Mary: Green Team leaders will be meeting next week with Katherine Young about the recycling/compost video about the Green Team initiatives. Each Green Team leader will be interviewed for the video. It is hoped the video is completed by the end of April. Unsure where it will be aired a ORTV production. ... Channel 95 ?

The Leaders will meet together to discuss their involvement with the School Board presentation and their thoughts about next year.

Jim will be contacted for suggestions and the forming of graphs with data

4. Promoting ORSC work

a. Within District:

i. Report to School Board - May 7th see notes below

b. Outside District

ii. Newspaper press release- will be send by 2 weeks

iii. Seacoast Eat Local Outdoor Market- tending to a table with ORSC info (spring/summer)

5. Production (School) Gardens Back plan

6. Conference: Local Energy Solution Conference April 12, 2014

Cristina plans to attend. Email reminder will be sent to Committee.

7. Other

V. New Business

1. Report to School Board- May 7, 2014.

i. Goals- to inform, demonstrate commitment, exemplify accomplishments, celebrate volunteers and successful outcomes.

Suggestions made:

- Packet sent out with information but will only highlight some key points
- approximately 20 minute presentation by 1-2 people without repeating points- succinct
- Include in packet any video links that are available
- Identify the challenge when an individual is asked to change behavioral habits that are related to sustainability practices
- Brief sample of accomplishments due to Green Team leadership at each school
- Include Data: Power Down electricity reduction
Doris's eater ship numbers at each school- packet (Doris)
"Cost" savings- composting/recycling/trash amounts- packet (Jim?)
School Gardens "harvest list" of 2012-2013 season
- "Production Gardens" back plan is being led by Dennis. 3rd meeting will take place on Monday, April 7th at 6:30pm - packet
- Ask Sue how to present the diversity of work and amount of GT hours (Ed will ask)
- Green Ribbon Award- the consideration of this document to help organize and work toward the 3 pillars identified in Award
- The entire steering committee should be in attendance for the SB meeting.
- Develop a "wish list" for future work:
Grant writer available to support grant application in District
Develop guidelines and a process for reviewing how ORSC can support/guide Green Team leaders,
"Formulate" strategies for the Green Team leaders to gain trust, relationships, alliances, etc... at schools
Develop a sustainability chart of our work (i.e., Young's Restaurant)

3. Preparation work for presentation - next Steering meeting

4. What can be done differently regarding, the Green Team Leaders, next year?

- a. What should be done with grant information sent to leaders
- b. Support to investigate/apply for Grants, conference,
- c. Provide data/resources to GT leaders to start initiatives, orientation binder, any reports, short/mid/long term goals, general ORSC info/ membership
- d. Green Ribbon Award. One of the pillars in the award is the development of a sustainability curriculum

VI. Green Ribbon School Award

- a. Discussion of the Award as an organizational tool- see under Facilities
- b. Other

VII. Public Comments- none

VIII. Future Steering Meeting date

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 15th at 5pm at the OR High School (pizza will be served)

The following meeting: Wednesday. April 30th at 5pm at the OR High School

IX. Future Full ORSC Meetings at ORHS Library:

~~Wed. Jan. 8, 2014 7pm Snowdate Jan. 9th~~

~~Wed. March 12, 2014 7pm~~

Wed. May 14, 2014 6:00pm Potluck and 7:00 Meeting at Moharimet School

X. Closing Actions (5 minutes)

- a. Agenda planning for next Steering Committee meeting in April
School Board presentation
- b. Agenda planning for May 14th, 2014 Full ORSC meeting
- c. Other

XI. Adjournment 6:42 motion: Mary second: Cyd