

ORSC Steering Committee Minutes
April 30, 2014 at 5pm Room 120 ORHS

Present: Dennis Harrington, Nell Neal, Sue Caswell, Brian Taetzsch, Maggie Morrison, Ed Charle, Griffin Sinclair-Wingate, Cristina Dolcino, Cyd Scarano, Sarah Larson-Dennen, Mary Caulfield, Shelley Mitchell,

I. Call to Order 5:11 motion: Cyd second: Nell

II. Welcome/Introductions- all set

III. Preliminary Actions

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

2. Approval of Minutes: April 15, 2014 meeting motion: Dennis second: Sarah

3. Correspondence/News-

IV. Public Comments- none

V. Old Business

1. Sub Committee highlight work-

a. Green Ribbon Schools Award discussion for at May 14th meeting- moved to next meeting

b. Backplan "Production Gardens" Back Plan is complete and the Farm to School Federal Grant has been submitted this week.

2. Green Teams highlighted work-

MW- the curriculum gardens are being expanded and reorganized. There will be 5 raised beds gardens after Brian (UNH intern) finishes his work with the teachers!

Maggie- Is every school responsible for their own composting?

Sarah- Yes, generally in the past each school ordered the composted needed. It seemed the contacts were made previously

Mary- HS Sustainability Club is going to the Middle School to present their "compost skit" in the lunch room

The entire 5th grade will take a field trip to the Durham Public Library to listen to a presentation by Denise Smith from ETE Solar, Kittery, Maine.

Moh- Chef Michael is teaching summer school at Middle School so maybe working with Joe and others who also benefit from growth

2. Interns (Shelley)

a. Update on initiatives/work- Shelley:

Jeff- (UNH intern) is working on the Ecological Footprint with Jim R. and Sue on a computer program that will be used for the next Ecological Footprint report.

Sue- Jeff had the computer training and will make graphs of the last 3-4 years of data.

Shelley- This will be the 3rd year of the ecological data. Jeff will not work on the report this summer but will be back in the Fall to complete the report by mid fall.

Brian and Leticia have been working on the gardens at the two elementary and middle school. A new bed has been worked on. Brian will be working through summer and Fall but probably away for spring 2015.

Presentations about composting has been presented to all MW 4th graders by Leticia (UNH intern).

b. Future work- none at this time

3. "Summit" Meeting on 4-28th Update (Maggie)

Maggie- This summit came to "be" after Maggie saw many intersecting points between school, municipal, and faith communities related to sustainability practices. She saw the need to leverage our resources, collaborate, and share information.

A meeting took place to start making plans with the following representatives: Kevin- Durham Energy, Robin- Durham Town Council, Nell- Durham Intergrated Waste, Saran and Shelley- ORSC, and Maggie Faith community

The heading for the summit meeting will be "Achieving Change in Durham" and will be on June 3rd 7-9 Location TBD. All members of any of these committees are welcome to attend.

Three themes will outline the summit: Water, Waste, and Wheels

Kalle Matzo will facilitate the Summit meeting. Payment to facilitate was made by the contributions made by the different organizations.

Maggie anticipates that every community/group is working in a "silos" and not capitalizing on our work... communication, connect, 1-2 year plan with clear tasks to help guide direction and maximize the resources of everyone.

4. Report to School Board "run through" with feedback

Order of presentation with approx. time allotment for each presentation

1. John C, GT leaders: Cyd, Maggie, Mary, Emily, Sarah, Shelley, Cristina, "Rap", Q&A

5. "Production Gardens" Back Plan Update (Dennis) - the back plan is complete and names have been placed on the activities being tackled right now. Approximately 20 Community and staff members have participated over 4 meetings to create the plan. Individuals have selected tasks to start working on. One more meeting in early June will take place to check-in and make Summer-Fall work.

6. Other - none

VI. New Business

1. Draft ORSC Full Meeting dates for 2014-2015 for discussion/approval at Full meeting on May 14th
2. Requests for purchases: Sarah will like to purchase a worm bin, Jon B, Cristina, MW would like to buy compost. Jon B. would also like to buy seeds and tools.

VII. Public Comments- none present

VIII. Future Steering Meeting date - ? prior to May 14th, - Next meeting
summer date(s) to prepare for Fall- next meeting

IX. Future Full ORSC Meetings at ORHS Library:

1. ~~Wed. Jan. 8, 2014 7pm~~ ~~Snowdate Jan. 9th~~
2. ~~Wed. March 12, 2014 7pm~~
3. Wed. May 14, 2014 6:00pm Potluck and 7:00 Meeting at Moharimet School

X. Closing Actions

- a. Agenda planning for next Steering Committee meeting-
- b. Agenda planning for May 14th, 2014 Full ORSC potluck and meeting
- c. Other

XI. Adjournment 6:56 motion: Cristina second: Nell