

ORCSD Full Meeting Agenda

May 14, 2014 at 7:00pm ORHS Library (6:00 pm Community Dinner in Cafeteria)

Present: Shelley Mitchell, Leticia Denoya, Mary Caulfield, Maggie Morrison, Dennis Harrington, Eliza Balch (ORHS Senior), Ed Charle, Cristina Dolcino, Nell Neal, Brian Taetzsch, Sophie Webb (ORHS junior), Chuck Cox (late)

I. Call to Order 7:10 Motion: Maggie Second: Cristina All approved. We all know each other.

II. Preliminary Actions (15 minutes)

A. Approval of Agenda: motion: Mary second: Shelley All approved

B. Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2014 (rescheduled from 3-12-14 due to weather):
motion: Mary second: Shelley All approved.

C. Correspondence/Announcements- A ORHS student updated the High School PTO about the activities of the students' ORHS Sustainability Club during their April meeting
John Carroll sent an email that educated and informed us of the movie "Fed Up." Dr. Morse suggested hosting a Community Dinner and movie showing once it is available to the general public.

D. Other- none

III. Public Comments (5 minutes) -

IV. Discussion/Updates (25 minutes)

A. Green Teams Update

- a. Exit meeting- Green Team will have meeting together on the 5/29th, and then after this meeting, with members of the ORSC committee at 4pm (tentatively) ORHS Conference Room (tentatively).
- b. Professional Development- NE School Recycling Conference on June 10th at Manchester will be attended by Green Team Leaders.
Mary Caulfield nominated ORMS student Luke Schroder, author and producer, of a composting video for an award
- c. Mary: Coordinating with Denise from Energy Tech East, Berwick, ME. The 5th grade is going to listen to two 30 minute presentations on the topic of solar energy. They will learn about the Knowlten School in Berwick, ME. <http://berwick.msad60.org/>
This school uses solar power for educational purposes. Denise believes there is potential to teach solar power for educational lessons at the MS. Mr. Richard, Mary, and anyone else is welcome to attend.

d. UNH Interns Update (10 minutes)

Shelley- no communication was heard from ORHS if there is need to involve UNH interns and be the supervisor

Brian will be available this summer for work.

Leticia- Worked with MW presenting 4 composting lessons to the 4th grade classes, at Moh helping to plant garden, and at the MS planting with an afterschool Garden Club

e. Jeff will start up in Fall with Ecological Footprint

B. Subcommittees Update (20 minutes)

a. Food and Gardens: MaryEllen- Some gardens at MW wintered nicely with the recent harvesting of spinach, kale, lettuce. Peas have been started. Added new beds in courtyard.

Nell- How should we deal with the compost we get from Rian to each school?... 1 cubic yard compost/each school/year. Nell will call Mr. Fox and find out how to request the compost in July which is when it will be ready..

Discussion took place about getting local restaurants "on board" with Mr. Fox composting so the pick-up at the schools could provide more compost for the energy of the "pick-up"

Transportation: No update

b. Facilities:

Nell- Nell shared examples of what schools have done around the country for the Green Ribbon School pillar initiatives

c. Educational Outreach: No update

C. "Production" Gardens (5 minutes) - Dennis

Back plan out to 2016 for the purpose: To develop school gardens that supports our nutritional and educational programs. 4 Key results were identified with activities outlined.

D. Child Nutrition Director (10 minutes) - Doris

a. Farm to School Grant (Federal Dept. of Education) - Jacqueline Brahum and Karen Matta-Oshima wrote the grant for three hoop houses in the District, Farm to School Coordinator, walk-in refrigerator, curricular materials, etc.... Results will be told in November.

b. Doris has been asked to speak at the Farm to School Conference on May 20th around the topic of "how to gain support from your school district."

It was suggested that Doris talk with Paul Gasowski about how ORSC got created/started at ORCSD.

Cristina- Asked if she has heard information on "kid-friendly" compost guidelines and she has not. Suggestion was made to only use Mr. Fox compost since it is compost that has been heated to a high temperature. Agenda item for next year.

c. June 4th next Community Dinner - Barbeque (tentatively)

E. School Board Update (10 minutes) -

a. May 7, 2014 presentation to School Board- Ed was excellent and well received.

Dr. Morse, Sue, and Jim R all responded with equal comments.

Shelley- Thought the presentation was professionally done and would like the narratives and slide posted on the website. Shelley will "pull" the individual slides together so the PPT can be posted.

F. "Summit" work (10 minutes)-

Shelley- A date for the summit meeting has been set. "Achieving Change in Durham" Tuesday, June 3rd, 7-9pm at the Community Room at the Durham Public Library. Each group will be coming to share their goals and communication links.

As many people from ORSC are invited to attend.

ORSC communication links- Channel 95, school site, Weekly updates at each school, PTO Facebook pages at MOH and MW, PTO groups at each school, MOR publication, "Alerts Now,"

G. Public Relation Projects (5 minutes)-

A. ORTV - Kathleen Young produced a "compost" video of how this practice has been implemented/taught/monitored across the District by the 4 Green Team Leaders. It is highlighted on the District's website.

B. Bindertrade Project-

Eliza (HS student)- the project was started last spring (a version of Trash-to-Treasure but for school supplies). Basically gently used school supplies are collected and then resold or give to students the next Fall/beginning of the school year. Work still needs to be done on figuring out how to distribute the supplies by the Sustainability Club. Green Team leader, Emily S., suggested that the supplies from the spring 2013 collection be brought to the UNH Trash to Treasure this spring so they can be reused instead of not at all.

This spring's collection (2014) will begin on June 6th with a box at each school. Distribution BACK to the students will focus on attending events where parents/students are attending at the start of the next school year ... 5th grade picnic, orientation, etc... The hope is that the upcoming Fall distribution will be more successful.

Ed - How the money will be used? Eliza- The money raised will be collected for the continuation of future year's Bindertrade work and for Sustainability Club projects.

C. Other - nothing

H. Summer work:

- a. ORSC Brochure- needs to be updated- Leticia will help Cristina with this
- b. Expand more of the policy - did not discuss
- c. other

V. New Business

- A. Green Ribbon Schools (US Dept. of Education) Proposal to "accept" Pillars as guiding principles (15 minutes) - <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/index.html>

- a. Nell- Shared examples of the Green Ribbon Schools (GRS)
 "Green Ribbon Schools goal is to have more coordinated policies (work) at the intersection of environmental, health, and education. "
 GRS also compliments Durham's future Summit meeting purpose.
 Green Ribbon School initiative examples:
 Pillar 1: switch to desktop computers to tablets, school gardens are outdoor classrooms, day lighting, cool roofs, rain harvesting
 Pillar 3: kids' cooking classes, 120 minutes of PE/week, no fried food, salad parties, hydro farming, greenhouse
 Pillar 3: Project WILD, students take green team lessons home to teach families, project learning
- Nell- time would have to be spent on how our current 4 subcommittee structure could be restructured to better fit into the Green Ribbon pillars. Taking the pillars on will hopefully move us forward with our sustainability work.
- *Discussion about should/if/when we want to apply for the award.
- *Discussion about how the 3 pillars can help guide our organization/initiatives/next level of "hanging fruit."
- Nell- The GT leaders are in the schools working in a very practical/student centered way. Maybe ORSC work could be at the next level "away" from the students/hands on.
- Shelley- An example of an initiative could be to work with Pillar 3 and move closer to a zero waste District.
- Ed- The District's Health and Wellness Committee could maybe join with the Pillar 2 and that would form a connection.
- Mary- Consideration would have to take place so we don't get logged down with Full meetings, too much time, more flexibility to do work
- Cristina- reporting back to the full committee/following Right to Know needs to take place but small groups who are focused on a committee could do individual projects.
- Ed- The Green Ribbon School pillars gives some direction and shows "Best Practices" for sustainability
- Dennis- Another advantage is that we can allocate resources/talents/skills with other people with more fluidity and flexibility
- Cyd- GT leaders work was identified by each school and maybe a shift would be more across the schools if an initiative is selected that involves everyone
- Mary- GT leaders have been given the charge but there is still resistance in being given time to get into the classroom
 It would be great to have a dedicated amount of time, occasionally, to meet in classroom's to educate students (advisory time?).
- Shelley- Do we keep GT leaders attached to each school, or GT leader with an initiative, GT leader may then be attached for a theme.... a more holistic approach
- Maggie- A GT leader could have relationships within a school and then maybe add a "specialty" to educate the students
- Nell: How do our current subcommittees "morph" into the pillars? Maybe...
 Food/Gardens could go under Pillar 2
 Transportation could go under Pillar 1/Pillar 2

Facilities under could go Pillar 1/Pillar 2/Pillar 3
Educational Outreach under Pillar 3
Maggie- the theme of water, waste, and wheels could fold nicely into the 3 pillars

Motion: Shelley

To transition from the ORSC 4 subcommittees (Food and Gardens, Transportation, Facilities, and Educational Outreach) to the Green Ribbon schools 3 pillars* template.

Second: Dennis

Discussion: none

Vote: Unanimous

B. ORSC Educational Outreach Money Dispersal

- a. compost/plantsMoh, MW
- b. spigot installation at ORSH maybe also at MS. after Jim R investigates
- c. seeds/tools/compost bucket/wheel barrel
- d. Mary- Joe requested 3 Cedar raised beds from Home Depot @ \$40.00 each, 1 wheelbarrel, 3 adult shovels
Mary will ask if compost is needed?
All purchases were approved.

C. ORSC Members Composition for 2014-2015

There are changes for ORSC membership composition.

Paul Gasowski, Matt Lynch, and Joe Boucher will be stepping down from being appointed specific roles in town/school ORSC positions. Matt and Joe emailed to express interest to continue with current projects and be included in future new initiatives.

ORSC is appreciative of their dedicated work to ORSCD in the area of sustainability.

Shelley- Is Dr. Morse the person responsible to transfer charge at each school to recruitment staff to be the representative on ORSC?

Dennis will pass the onto the Leadership Team the need to have a school representatives from the MS and HS.

Cristina- encouraged being on the look-out for new ORSC members

D. Future ORSC events (5 minutes) - not discussed

E. ORSCD Website Update (5 minutes)

Cristina- met with Sue Johnson and she will ask if a link to "The Green Oyster" could be included. This will allow us to continue to show pictures, include more documents, contact info etc...

F. Other

VI. Closing Actions (5 minutes)

- A. Selection of full meeting dates for 2014-2015 school year at ORHS Library when available

Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 7pm

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7pm

Thursday, January 8, 2015 (snow date Monday, January 12) at 7pm

Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7pm

Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 7pm (6pm dinner)

B. Next Steering Meeting date: Mon. June 9th 5pm ORHS 120

C. Agenda Items for next Full meeting in the Fall

- a. Update of new UNH interns' work
- b. Update on Green Teams' initiatives
- c. Other-

D. Thank you to all Green Team Leaders

VI. Adjournment 9:44

motion: Cristina

second: Nell

All Approved