

ORSC Steering Committee Minutes  
Monday, June 9, 2014 at 5pm ORHS Room 120

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

I. Call to Order 5:05                    motion: Maggie                    second: Cristina

II. Welcome/Introductions- all known

III. Preliminary Actions

1. Approval of Agenda: motion: Sarah                    second: Maggie All approved

2. Approval of Minutes: steering meetings April 30, 2014 and May 5, 2014

                                 motion: Maggie                    second: Shelley All approved.

3. Correspondence/News: movie "Fed Up" is now playing at the Red River Theatre in Concord, NH

IV. Public Comments- none present

V. New Business

1. Green Team Proposal for 2014-15 organization and work-

Mary: This plan's purpose is to absorb the 5<sup>th</sup> Green Team (GT) stipend between the 3 GT members.

2 points for this proposal:

In Fall: Sports Challenge and then a team project that focuses on the year's sustainability theme.

GT leaders will remain in the MW, Moh, and MS schools yet the HS will be shared amongst all

Cyd: begin during the summer by looking at other HS to see how they are integrating sustainability into the HS curriculum. Look for some key players who would be willing to be involved with Sustainability Club.

How can we get the sustainability more of a focus in the HS?

Through the Fall, HS athletic teams would be invited to participate in a pilot program: Each team (student-athletes) would come up with a project idea which would be added to the other Fall Team "Challenges" - A Sustainability Challenge

X-C, soccer, and volleyball teams (boys and girls) would be invited to participate

The trash from the track banquet will be weighted tonight as a baseline measure

Cyd- talked briefly with Corey Parker (HS Athletic Director) about this idea and it seemed ok with idea. He will consider it further. Suggested there be involvement by HS teachers, He suggested to have a list of possible sustainability ideas as well as think about their own possibility.

It is hoped that Brian would be able to work with the HS Sustainability Club

Cristina will make contact with HS to see what plans are for the HS Sustainability Club

Nell- How will the GT leaders give support to the Sustainability Club and the "supervisor?"

Shelley- staff support will be key to helping Brian work into the HS and Club

Sarah- Ask Griffin S-W to come "back" to the HS to help bridge the gap

Nell- the need is to have someone who is able to relate to students and still be able to move students forward.

Maggie- The Sustainability Club finished the year solid with about 12 members. The start-up should be quicker than last year.

Nell- The HS is a challenging school for developing sustainability habits... it is large, involves students from several towns, common scheduled times are infrequent, teenage buy-in is necessary in order to change behaviors, the Club "supervisor" needs to be able to relate to HS students,

Nell- how would you incorporate The Principals from each school into this work?

Administrative Duties: Public Relations (keeping people informed of what is being done, camera, timely, link with Dr. Morse to keep him informed through face-to-face meetings) and Community Outreach (list of resourced for teaching about water (should this be the theme picked),

GT leaders would meet with Principals in August about the theme and plans for the upcoming school year

Mary: The goal is for each child to be exposed to sustainability information, practice sustainability habits, and be involved in a long term sustainability project. The desire is for students to be able to recognize sustainability work. This is sustainability.

Maggie: When ready, involve Carolyn with the curriculum

Nell: every class could take the same lesson

Maggie: As a 9<sup>th</sup> grader... Citizen Ed is taken by all

Dennis- This pilot was thought out in a smart way. It involves the athletes

Maggie- The students have to be engaged in the issues and not simply be told what to do for their Sustainability Challenge. Time will always be an issue but this is one of the issues that will always have to be dealt with.

Nell- Congratulations to see the GT members evolve into these positions. The GT leaders are strong and can start more connected

Shelley- recommend that we move this forward with a vote.

Sue: Offered to take proposal to Dr. Morse

Cristina will talk with Jon B.

Maggie and Mary are going to the School Recycling Conference tomorrow....

Luke Schroeder will be getting an award: NH Student Recycler of the Year for his middle school video

## 2. Stipend

- a. recording form- documentation of the *Green Team* hours was completed for this year. It is recommended that the documentation not be used next year since data was collected this year
- b. other- prorating the remaining stipend amongst the 3 remaining *Green Team* members- complete by Sue  
two *Green Team* members are planning to work through the summer with their collection data work.

## VI. Old Business

1. Summer Work- representatives from each school.... need MS and HS for District representative for next year  
Dennis will share the need for representatives from each school to Dr. Morse Shelley- serve on ORSC for an annual basis so teachers don't have to stay on it.
2. Summit meeting quick update: Achieving Change in Durham: A Summit of Action, June 3, 2014, DPL  
30 people attended  
Reconvene the planning team for the next step with the 16 proposals

## VII. Public Comments- none present

## VIII. Future Steering Meeting date -

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)

Make-up of the steering committee needs to be review and improve

How will the *Green Ribbon Pillars* lead us in determining our organization and work next year?

Nell- having someone serve on the *Wellness Committee* and be connected with ORSC... create a bridge since there is overlap between one of the pillars and the work The *Wellness Committee* is involved in.

Send out an email to all ORSC and ask each person to see how he/she will fit into the *Green Ribbon Pillars*- Cristina will do this

Dennis- 30 Durham citizens were present at the Summit Meeting. A follow-up meeting will take place this summer. Approximately 18 project ideas were identified by various committees/groups in Durham Planning will take place to collaborate and condense resources.

Dennis- "on call" volunteers for a specific task/event as a way to increase our volunteer listing

Nell- Maybe the issue is people not wanting to attend meetings.... maybe we will morph into a steering committee with many activities and events with a pool of volunteers helping

Production Garden Group is an example of this model of volunteers working on tasks with a smaller group attending regular meetings

The missing link that needs to be worked on soon is the importance of incorporating sustainability principles into the District's curriculum throughout all the grades. Identify how to see all the students in groups smaller than larger.

Dennis- Green Ribbon Schools Pillar III involves curriculum and this could mirror the Next Generation Science standards.

Nell- Practicing sustainability habits has to become a new mindset/habit.

It was mentioned that maybe GT leaders could rotate serving as the facilitator of the meetings, minute taker, draft the agenda. Further discussion needs to take place with GT leaders, The Final GT proposal will be discussed at the next Steering meeting and again at the first full meeting in September. Sue will also inform Dr. Morse of this proposal.

IX. Future Full ORSC Meetings for 2014-2015 at ORHS Library

X. Closing Actions

1. Other

XI. Adjournment 6:49 motion: Cristina second: Nell

XII. Possible Executive Meeting of only Steering Committee- did not meet