

ORSC Steering Meeting
August 19, 2013 at 3:30pm
Moharimet School
Agenda

1. Call to Order at 3:42
2. Welcome/Introductions (5 minutes)
3. Present: Paul Gasowski, John Carroll, Sue Caswell, Nell Neil, Dennis Harrington, Cristina Dolcino, Maria Barth, Maggie Morrison, Barry Kaplan
4. Preliminary Actions (10 minutes)
 - a. Approval of Agenda - unanimous
 - b. Approval of Minutes- will be approved at next Steering meeting
 - c. Correspondence- none

5. Public Comments (5 minutes) -

Maria: Wants to let people know the Household Hazardous Waste Days are taking place and would like for it to be announced by ORSC- Saturday, September 28th at the Department of Public Works facility located at 100 Stone Quarry Drive. Cristina will have it placed on our website and onto the PTO online newsletters.

6. Discussion/Update of summer events (30 minutes)

- a. Green Teams - Dennis shared that Green Teams were welcomed to the District in July. The leader/coordinators have met with principals, facilities, and food District Administrators. Dennis will be liaison between the Steering Committee and each Green Team. Paul asked about the supervision of the Green Teams. The Coordinator, Emily, will oversee the other team leaders. Dennis will check with the SAU about whom will oversee Emily. Mention was made about the District having a new facilities director after Brian Cherry left the District for a new position. The new facilities director will be in the District next week.
- b. Sub Committees - subcommittees have not met specifically or routinely over the summer.
 - i. Nell- Asked if composting will start at MS at the start of school? Nell will contact Mary Caulfield and Sue . Maggie will work on getting Rian Bedard (Mr. Fox Composting) into MW for educational presentation.
 - ii. Moharimet will have a group of 4th graders educating the 1st graders on composting beginning on the first day of school.

HS- Cristina mentioned that she remembered a discussion last spring about the HS composting should be the first project in the café (John added also the senior core). Work is with 2 leaders. She also wondered if compost from Mr. Fox has been delivered to schools from last year's compost involvement.
- c. Lee Energy Committee- Biomass tour

- i. Paul presented a brief overview of the Lee Energy Committee Biomass Heating project. Lee Energy has taken the Feasibility committee report to the Select Board and has accepted report and has moved forward to explore the proposal. It was then sent to Sue Caswell, Jim, and Brian Cherry. The next step is to see if there is interest in setting up a tour of similar locals (e.g., the Rockingham Complex, Newton BioMass Boilers, Penacook Merrimack Valley) sometime this September. Following the tours and study would be completed with a potential biomass complex located at the recycling center. The first "stop" would probably be Mast Way, then the library, public safety etc (the distribution has a one mile loop capacity) and would burn wood chips with a back-up energy source. If it could be a possible 1.4 million project... grant writing would be included. Paul will send us the feasibility report and for us to review. Future discussion or involvement with the Lee Energy Committee will be sent to ORSC once dates have been identified.
- d. Other- Dennis met with Mark Millikin who is part of a group of educators (Sustainability Institute at the Univ. of NH) across the state looking at the development of sustainability in educational settings. A representative(s) will be present at our 9/25/13 meeting. The group is interested in our ORSC policy, curriculum documentation and general organization.

John- Wondering if the building of a team in each school has begun.

Maggie- Involvement will begin once school begins and committees are formed.

Nell- Is our meeting the best avenue for them to share their info, observe us, and give info to them?

Dennis- Our 9/25th meeting will be the start of our collaboration.

7. New Business (20 minutes)

a. Planning for 2013-2014 Full ORSC mtgs

- i. - Sustainability Institute at the UNH: involves individuals such as Mark Millikan, Paula Salvio
- ii. Green Team- Report out for each school (members, initiatives,
- iii. Work session for sub committees
- iv. Sharing out by each sub committee's goal setting ideas for the year
- v. Paul- Budget development for this year- start to consider budget
Sue - Draft developed by October 18th and "done" by December
Sue is suggesting to include: \$40,000 (green team leaders/coordinator), Local foods, ***** We need to identify our "big issue" purchases if applicable and we need to identify project with specific needs.
Paul- Suggested that the steering committee work on the budget
Dennis- Then the budget can be shared out to full ORSC committee

How will the connection be made between Steering Committee's work and Green Teams?

A Green Team representative at attend Steering Committee Meetings- it is important to be aware of the hours recorded for direct initiative work and other activities.

Sue asked about the Harvest Dinner?? Has a date been set. Sue will check with Doris

b. Other

8. Public Comments (5 minutes) - none

9. Closing Actions (5 minutes)

a. Agenda planning for next meeting - did not take place at this time.

b. Other

10. Adjournment - 4:32pm

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