

ORCSD Full Meeting Minutes  
September 25, 2013 at 7:00pm ORHS Library

Present: Mary Ellen Webb, Joe Boucher, Sue Caswell, John Carroll, Dorin Cox, Paul Gawowski, Mary Caulfield, Maggie Morrison, Eliza Balch, Shelley Mitchell, Barry Kaplan, Ed Charle, Doris Demers, Chuck Cox, Cristina Dolcino, Dennis Harrington (late)

I. Call to Order 7:04pm

II. Preliminary Actions (10 minutes)

A. Approval of Agenda for September 25, 2013: Motion: Barry Second: Cristina All approved

B. Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2013 : no approval due to minutes being misplaced

C. Correspondence/Announcements- none

D. Other- Doran Cox from Tuckaway Farm, Lee, NH came to present information about the Lee Energy Committee's work -They are working on a biomass project that could involve the MW School as well as municipal buildings. The District heating system would be housed in the Lee transfer center. Next step is to do a full engineering study and to take tours of area biomass (woodchips) centers. The two dates for touring includes: Friday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> (am tour) at Rockingham County Complex and CBI Bio Industries, Newtown, NH. Henniker Hardware and Pallets (similar to Lee situation because buildings are with a larger area to move heat).

Crochet Mountain,

The Lee Energy Committee will invite other local individuals along with people from the School District. Sue expressed interest in visiting along with ORCSD Facilities Director.

Co-generation is maybe an option in the future

John - Is there an option that local residents could link into the heating?

Doran- The feasibility study did not include this but this might be a possibility. It would take about 200 acres of a managed land to run this operation each year.

The byproduct is wood ash which is what is wanted in fields because it raises the ph which is what is typically needed in this area.

Plymouth State has a nice guide book to understand biomass systems for municipalities online.

III. Public Comments (5 minutes) - no one present

IV. Discussion/Updates

A. Green Teams Detailed Update: Successes, Challenges, Support (20 minutes)

Whole green team met with Doris and Jim (ORCSD Facilities Director) in September.

Green Team members have been involved with the Harvest Dinner and the development of the Green Teams in each schools.

Mary- Suggested that ORSC send a letter the school administrators/staff about the presence of the Green Teams in each staff. Also educate everyone with the sustainability policy.

Shelley suggested that the Green Team members attend a District Leadership meeting to meet the other administrators/Superintendent. After this meeting, then consider an email out to staff, parents, community to explain Green Team roles/goals/projects. Additional suggestion write a press release to promote/educate the community on the Green Teams

John - It seems like we should send a letter that explains the teams, photos, tasks.... signed from the superintendent, ORSC ?

Maggie- We are planning a "Power Down" exercise of electrical equipment during vacations for all four schools. The key will be the employees of the District taking this initiative on as was the case at UNH with Administrative Assistants doing the majority of the follow through with the "power down" initiative.

For the second semester the emphasis will be on the school gardens in each of the schools for the Green Teams.

- a. High School- Emily and Katie are working with John Bromley to start a Green Team Club.  
Eliza- the HS Green Team will meet every other Thursday at 2:10
- b. Middle School - Joe and other MS teachers are interested in joining school team. Nell Neal has helped with the composting, 9-30-13 will be the presentation by Rian from Mr. Fox to the MS students. Parent volunteers will be there to help teach about the composting-recycling in the cafeteria.  
A meeting will
- c. Mast Way- 1<sup>st</sup> green team meeting has taken place with teachers, parents, and community member. Money was given to buy Compost buckets were g for from the PTO. \$100  
Art as water project at the end of October
- d. Moharimet- Cyd Scarano (Green Team Coordinator) will be going into the classrooms to teach. Also working on a system of including paper towels into the compost program

John- Are the Green Team Coordinators able to keep good records of your work. These would be helpful to be ready to state what was done.

Maggie- I am keeping track myself but my method may not be the same as other coordinators.

Cristina - Maybe we should ask Emily to develop a form to record the hours, the work that is being done, the work that is being attempted to be done etc...

B. UNH Intern Update (5 minutes)- Shelley -The deadline of August 30 was extended to September 25<sup>th</sup>. No interested applicant to date. Wondering if the new internship that UNH is using is maybe impacting our numbers. Shelley suggests that we try for the second semester with the paper posting of the listing.  
Going to other schools like Great Bay Community College was a suggestion.

C. Harvest Dinner Update (10 minutes) Thursday, October 3, 2013 6-7pm ORHS cafeteria  
To date: 55 families have signed up with 14 other families in the works. It is anticipated that about 100-150 people will be attending.  
Doris will introduce managers, overview of ORSC, request that the superintendent make a remark?

John- it would be helpful to have handouts, displays of ORSC  
Farmers will be invited to "display" their produce/farming

D. Subcommittee Work Sessions (40-45 minutes)- Did not take place

E. Debrief on Work Sessions (20 minutes)

a. Food and Gardens:

John- spoke with the Superintendent to move toward the School producing food for use in the kitchen. Create extended growing season with the key involving families to monitor their work.

Paul- Trying to figure out our active role with the increased production of the gardens. Maybe we are naturally shifting with closer support with the Green Teams.

Dennis- What we have trouble measuring is tackling the behavioral change so that when targets are reached by the Green Teams it is shifted to a systemic system.

Paul- Maybe it will come to the point where Green Teams come to us to ask for help.

Sue- last year we had \$40,000. \$15,000 is give to the Nutrition Program to purchase local foods. It is up to us to decide what we may want to request for this year's budget.

Doris- A tilt skillet and steamer will be included in her budget this year.

John- Maybe putting money in the budget for Doris to attend a Farm to School?

Doris- We are forming wonderful relationships with the local farmers.

Paul- We really need to follow and support the Green Teams. Maybe we should earmark some money for professional development. How about we fund a Summer Sustainability Institute in the spring to help educate staff?

Shelley- Perhaps we are moving toward our ORSC Policy/Charge and away from our previous formed short-mid-long term goals requests maybe should be  
Maybe we should look at a zero waste stream?

Paul- Let's put \$5,000 to support a Summer Sustainability Institute.

Griffin- We should meet more regularly, show movies, educate

Dennis- We need to make sure the staff understands the policy and the initiative needs to be done. The staff does not understand and to capitalize on the staff committed to this work.

John- Suggests that we increase by \$3,000 for local foods purchases.

Shelley- Wants to acknowledge the amount of work being

Sue - Keep food at \$15,000 Local Foods, \$20,000 Green Teams, \$5,000 Educational Outreach/Summer Sustainability Institute to make it the same as last year \$40,000 budgetary request.

Doris- I was on a local radio program sharing information about OR local foods.

- b. Transportation: Meeting of subcommittee to take place next week
- c. Facilities: - Siemens will be presenting at the next SB meeting the results of phase 1. Phase 2 has just started for a year cycle. Further discussion at next Steering Committee meeting
- d. Educational Outreach-
  - Chuck - Suggested to offer a spring event to highlight what has happened in the Schools (Bobcat Bolt event?).
  - Movie /speakers/Button UP
  - Report given in Spring prior before the March vote
  - Deliberative Session - prepared for Q & A

Paul- It seems that this committee is in transition as roles are changing with the involvement of the Green Teams/District work,

Chuck- feels we need to stretch the scope of what we do... regulations are more difficult and expensive ... Do we really need these things?

"Popsicle Test" - If a child can't walk to the corner to buy a popsicle then there are things that need to be changed.

F. Other - none

V. Closing Actions (10 minutes)

A. Reminder for full ORSC meeting dates for 2013-2014 school year

Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 7pm

Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 7pm

Wednesday, January 8, 2014 (snow date January 9) at 7pm

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 7pm

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 7pm (meeting and potluck dinner)

B. Next Steering Meeting: October 21, 2013 4:00p, ORHS Conference Room 120

C. Agenda Items for next Full meeting on November 13, 2013

- a. UNH Institute of Sustainability presentation
- b. Jennifer Wilhelm- research presentation
- c. Update of the Green Teams
- d. Update of Sub Committees Work
- e. Follow-up of Harvest Community Dinner

VI. Adjournment 9:29 motion: Barry second: Shelley All approved

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