

ORSC Steering Committee Minutes
November 12, 2013 at 5pm Room 120 ORHS

Present:

1. Call to Order 5:09 motion: Neal second: Cristina
2. Welcome/Introductions
3. Preliminary Actions
 - a. Approval of Agenda -motion: Dennis second: Cristina All approved
 - b. Approval of Minutes: Sept. 9, 2013 meeting - motion: Dennis, second: John All approved
 - c. Approval of Minutes: Oct. 11, 2013 meeting - motion: Cristina, second: Dennis All approved
 - d. October 21, 2013 meeting- no quorum
 - e. Correspondence/News- none
4. Public Comments - no present
5. Old Business
 - a. Discussion Green Teams

Dennis agreed to meet with an individual regarding a personnel topic.

SAU information was mentioned.

Data collection was discussed.

Hourly reporting system was requested by Green Teams in order to learn how hours and work tasks are being recorded.

Ideas for how communication processes could be improved

Importance of sharing ORSC work, challenges, and accomplishments were highlighted and emphasized. Positive/accurate public relations of ORSC work is critical for the support of our initiatives, security of sustainability funding, sharing information, etc...

- b. Discussion "Production Garden" letter

John reiterated his intention regarding the production garden letter proposal

Green Team's involvement would be on a "as available/desires to be involved" basis

Process of how to get production garden working needs to be outlined through a Back Plan led by Dennis

Maggie- interesting topic to discuss as a whole Durham (extended?) Community. A larger opportunity to include the faith communities, individuals working with the topic of "Feeding the Hungry",

Dennis- Not sure if the first meeting should include everyone from the extended community

John- we need to focus primarily on providing food to the school lunch program

John asked Doris if she could give us a ballpark number of pounds of fruit/vegies in the schools. She can but she needs some time

Maggie- stated her desire to have a campaign to promote school lunches... more sustainable, less landfill "wrapper" waste,

Dennis- habits of children that they bring from home to eat the healthy food. Cultural shift

Doris will start going into classrooms, raffle a free lunch, Community Dinners should help promote the food in the schools,

Doris has been contacted by Dayle Hayes, web site "School Meals that Rock" and she wants to highlight success school lunch programs on December 12th to District! Possibly have a Community Dinner at Moharimet on December 11th to highlight her visit.

Starting to get more fall harvested food and realized there were not any containers and processing equipment. Funding for some kitchen equipment is desired but not sure if it will take place.

- c. Back plan completed using data collected... set a clear deadline and then establish "baby step" of work/goals to be completed. Identify where you want to be (key things that need to be accomplished) at various dates. You move forward with a
- d. John- when the letter goes out you will get people who are serious about gardening.
- e. Sarah- how can we tie in the thought of including the larger Community. Could we include this into the letter?
- f. John- the letter first goes out to the OR parents and then out to the three extended Communities.
- g. Dennis knows that Cyd would be interested in attending the meeting
- h. Maggie is passing on the interest of Paul to be a bridge between his faith community and our work with this initiative
- i. Nell - take some time to brainstorm the list to send out the letter to interested groups of like-minded individuals and organizations
- j. Cristina will email letter to Steering Committee so edits can be made, final approval by Dr. Morse, emailing by Dr. Morse, send emailing to "extended" Community

6. New Business

- a. Nutrition Program -
Community dinners - 2nd Community dinner was attended by about 200 individuals (spaghetti and meat sauce, spinach/strawberry salad, roll, beverages)
Bus drivers paid for 20 families and a bus collected about 300 food pantry items were donated to the two food pantries,
It is hoped that once a month a OR Community Dinner will be offered by the Nutrition Program.
Nutrition Program is also trying to raise money to be able to send OR managers to the National Food Service Conference in Boston next year.
Farm to Cafeteria conference- Doris has been asked to present in Austin.
Nell - remarked how the work Doris is doing is so wonderful and inclusive of how groups are coming together. How can we inform the Community of this work? DCAT, Foster's press release, Mouth of the River article

Old Tuttle's Farm. has been purchased by Tendercrop Farm (based in MA). Cattle, farm, petting farm, has been reported to be opening soon. Wondering if crops will be grown for schools use??

See above notes also from Doris Demers.

b. Button Up Event- Cristina trying to contact Button Up representative to set a date for OR Button Up event

c. Other-

Nell- Lucas Sroder, current OR middle school student- created a Youtube video about the Middle School recycling program. 5 minutes long. Link sent out to full ORSC members.

A portion of the video was shown. Compliments on Lucas's work and informational contact were shared.

Talked about how to share video on our website,

Show at the Community Dinner and in classrooms during educational programs

7. Public Comments

Maggie- Green Team meet to talk about the Power Down initiative and have Dr. Morse send an email to the Leadership Team to receive a letter about this event.

Sue- you could attend the leadership meeting to share the event of Power Down.

Begins Tuesday, November 19th, 2013 through the December school break... lights, computers, p., boards, etc.. will be turned off. Data will be collected of various energy usages

8. Future Steering Meeting date

next meeting Tuesday, December 10 at 5pm the OR High School, Rm 120 (most likely)

9. Future Full ORSC Meetings at ORHS Library:

Wed. Nov. 13 7pm

Wed. Jan. 8, 2014 7pm

Wed. March 12, 2014 7pm

Wed. May 14, 2014 7pm

10. Closing Actions (5 minutes)

a. Agenda planning for next Steering Committee meeting

b. Agenda planning for Nov. 13th Full ORSC meeting

c. Other

11. Adjournment 6:35pm