

ORSC Steering Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 5pm ORHS room 120

**Present:** Jim Rozycki, Maggie Morrison, Dennis Harrington, John Carroll, Mark Milliken, Dan Klein, Cristina Dolcino, Alice Moriarty, Doris Demers, Sue Caswell, Cyd Scarano, Mary Caulfield, Sue Caswell

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

II. Welcome/Introductions - all around room. A special welcome to Kristin Houle who is the new Green Team Leader. Dan Klein is the new School Board representative for the High School

III. Preliminary Actions

1. Approval of Agenda: motion: Doris second: Maggie

2. Approval of Minutes: Steering meeting Tuesday, April 7, 2015  
motion: Maggie second: John

3. Correspondence/News- None

IV. Public Comments- none

V. Old Business

1. Foss Manufacturing "Eco-throw" Update-

Mark: Everything is ready to go... sheds are up at HS. HS has 2 recycling bottles for the collection of #1 plastic. One little problems with paper going into bin.

Foss has a letter and educational posters with 4 facts about plastics.

Video clip is also available for educational purposes.

The original plan for the roll out was not the best week for the HS so everything will be rolled out in Fall. Moharimet will also be rolling out Eco-throw

Contamination piece is the one thing to work on with the big bins outside with folks accidently putting other "recyclables" inside. We are the first District in the state for this pilot project.

The shed cost \$1200

Participating schools will receive money for the plastics collected.

2. Mr. Fox Composting Update

Jim: Last pick up for compost is next Monday for District. Mr. Fox will be delivering 2 yards next week to MaryEllen. Need to coordinate earlier next year.

Considering the plan of one school getting all the compost for that year to make it easier to distribute. Maybe have the spreading of compost as part of the work at the Middle School during the "Service Palooza" event?

Mark manages the recycling-compost bin (Igor) at the HS during lunch which really helps keep it contamination free.

The HS "Igor" need to have bigger wheels so it can be rolled outside in the courtyard during lunch. Facilities will be working on adding these over the summer.

John C- compost in NH will be making a shift because soon meat and dairy will be allowed to be mixed into the compost. Alex Freed and UNH students got it through the legislature and the law is now on Governor Hassan's desk. This will correspond

Maggie: maybe with this new law we (ORCSD) could join with UNH for our compost depositing instead of Mr. Fox?

3. Follow-up discussion of the initiatives discussed at 5/13-15 Full ORSC meeting

Facilities:

Town of Durham is building an array for the Town Offices. How will this impact ORCSD and the possible exploration of solar panels? How could this project involve the interest of ORCSD and the HS "Sus Club"

Mark- Sus Club has made connections with SunRaise, Investments. SunRaise has talked with some of the Sus Club members. SunRaise has talked with Jim R with data now back with Sunrays (Patrick Jackson) to see options. Jim has given SunRaise data about the District and they will be getting back to the District about some possible options.

Sue - Ownership of an array typically takes about 15 years. ORSC will hold tight until we are contacted from SunRaise.

Jim- ORCSD may want to also start exploring other types of alternative energy sources.

Barry- Will there be a subcommittee to explore solar?

Sue - it is not necessary until SunRaise gets back to us with some information. Sub Committee of ORSC may be necessary in the future. Barry would be interested. Consider including a HS student work:

4. UNH ORSC Interns - Cristina will ask Shelley if she is still available to do the work for the intern posting

VI. New Business

A. Update of posted Green Team Leader position

Sue- posted position 9 resumes. 4 candidates were interviews. Some great candidates 2 from the local towns. All seem to have higher educ. degrees, very passionate with sustainability

B. ORSC 2014-2015 budget expenditures and balance

Money is still available from Outreach account about \$1500.

What are our needs?

Doris: Silverware is being taken from cafeterias... not seen in trash so not sure what is happening.

Maggie: Kit of utensils idea that be borrowed by groups/organization/teams for gatherings serving food. This would help reduce the purchasing and throw away of forks, knives, and spoons. The cleaning of them will need to be figured out.

MW- Mary will do an orientation with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders with UNH Intern Brian T. (middle school Green Bean Club assistant)... For ALL the things that they need to know at the Middle School. Discussion of creating a video for District to help educate on sustainable practices. Pay an individual to produce this. No names could be identified who would be able to do this.

Purchase movie and/or educational material (books, lessons) for teachers... start a professional library

Cristina made the Motion: To spend \$100 to purchase 2 silverware kit for events, \$300 for educational resources for the District, and the remaining money to Doris June 20<sup>th</sup> for local food purchases.

Green Team leaders will work on this

Two hydration station will be installed in MS. - Facilities will pay for this.

Add a budget Agenda Update - at each meeting

C. Green Team proposed budget for 2015-2016

Review and made addition/changes

Vote will take place at Fall meeting for this budget

MOH and MW will be added to budget items

Sue: Suggested to include in future agendas.... A line for review of Educational Outreach Budget

Doris/Dennis- Talk about adding a hydration station in MOH cafeteria but water line access and drainage may be tricky.

Also switching out the use of wipes for the use of germ soap....some behavioral habits???

D. Develop plan to update School Board -

Dan- wondered what he should do with communication to SB regularly.

From the SB perspective... What do Committees have for their charges? The SB may be wanting to know what things the sub-committees are working on.

Maggie- good public relations for Dan to present regularly to the School Board

Sue- suggested to tell Wendy about being placed on the School Board agenda for a yearly update

VII. Public Comments- no comments

VIII. Future Full ORSC Meeting dates for 2015-2016 school year. Typically takes place at the ORHS.

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 7pm

Monday, November 23, 2015 at 7pm

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7pm. Snowdate: Wednesday, January 27 2016

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 7pm

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7pm (6pm potluck dinner and meeting at Moharimet)

IX. Future Steering meeting date- Tuesday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 5pm ORHS

Doris: Community Dinners by School Nutrition: October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 5, 2015, January 28, 2016 and March 17, 2016

It is hoped the "Sustainability Film Festival" will take place on the weekend of Jan 28, 2016.

X. Closing Actions

XII. Adjournment 6:33 motion: Cristina second: Doris

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