

## Sustainability Steering Committee

September 11, 2014

Libby's – Durham 5:00

Present: Mark Milliken, Cristina Dolcino, John Carroll, Ed Charle, Dennis Harrington, Sarah Larson-Dennen, Griffin Sinclair-Wingate, Mary Caulfield arrived 6:15.

- I. Call to order- Motion to come to order. Cristina. Second by Dennis
- II. Welcome/introductions
- III. Preliminary actions
  1. Approval of agenda. Motion to approve the agenda Cristina. Second by Sarah
  2. Approval of minutes August 19, 2014. Change" Jon Carroll" to "John Carroll" Motion to approve John. Second by Sarah.
  3. Correspondence- none
- IV. Public comments - none
- V. New Business
  1. Membership/composition- Sarah will ask Erin BC and Erin Ward from the middle school to join us. Need a Lee Rep, MS rep, Madbury rep. Cristina encouraged members to bring a friend to the meeting September 24. Mark suggested we have a Facebook page. We do but not maintained. John suggested a direct mailing to kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade and new student parents, signed by Dr. Morse, targeting the November meeting to draw interest.  
  
2. Compensation for the ORHS sustainability Club "supervisor"- The group has an interest in paying the HS Environmental Club supervisor. A paragraph must be written describing the responsibilities, to monitor the students work. 7-15 members of the HS group. The guild needs to approve this, the school board as well. The group discussed the amount of money and if the stipend should be divided between the UNH rep and the HS school. Griffin suggested a \$300-500 stipend perhaps per semester for the UNH rep. Cristina suggested a \$2,348 for the HS faculty advisor. Ed will ask Jim and Sue if the Board needs to approve this since the monies have already been directed to the Sustainability committee. Dennis and Ed suggested we ask the UNH rep to write up a proposal on what he is interested in committing to per semester. The group suggested up to \$400 for the semester depending his proposal/hours/commitment. The UNH rep will work on a semester by semester basis, in case he can't commit to the second semester.
- E. Other
- VI. Old Business
  1. Finalize the process for the next meeting: How will we . .
    - "prime" brainstorm with ideas from site
    - establish expectations/goals/objectives
    - divide/balance tasks for upcoming year
    - communicate work between steering, subcommittees and full committees.

Pillar 1 Reduce the environmental impact and costs

Pillar 2 improve the health and wellness of students and staff.

Pillar 3 provide effective environmental and sustainability education, incorporating STEM, civic skills and green career pathways.

Cristina shared the idea of the above Pillars being a way that we organize our group and then break it down to easier and harder tasks to accomplish with our groups. Ed reminded the group that the Green team was interested in focusing on water with the four schools.

Dennis suggested the way we start the brainstorming with the green team leaders to share their tasks and then the group builds off of their interests and things that are already underway.

Ed asked how the green team leaders are working at the high school. They are sharing the responsibilities. The HS advisor strictly works with the ideas the high school students put forth. Cyd is working with the HS athletic director/principals/assistant principal to challenge each athletic team to create a sustainable event or activity.

2. Green team leaders – Griffin shared that the HS student group is interested in making a compost/recycle bin for the high school similar to the Elementary School. Also the high school is interested in a Reusable water bottle campaign.

Mary is interested in starting an afterschool environmental club at the middle school. Green Team leaders are thinking of going to the Washington DC - People Climate March in September. A group from the HS (students) will be going.

Maggie shared via Christina that she has already met with a group of teachers at MW. Mary has had some new parents help with monitoring the compost at the MS.

Saturday is the cross country invitational and they will have some PR on display with that. Working with parents to not send in plastic wrapped food to sell at the sports event. Cyd did a presentation at Moharimet to remind kids how the recycling/ compost process works.

Mr. Fox was unable to pick up the MS compost because it was contaminated. Mary shared that Doris and the custodians will help. This is a place for us to focus on – education and monitoring will help with this. Dennis suggested the athletic teams monitor the compost.

3. Intern update – Three UNH interns returning to work with the group. One working on studying the ORCSD ecological footprint studying the 2014 data collected, one is working with the school gardens, and one is working with gardens and the high school group.
4. Production garden update – Dennis will call a meeting in the beginning of October to discuss.
5. Other – Griffin shared that a speaker is coming to UNH referencing Zero Waste. 6:00 Granite state room – date? . Sarah LD shared that the Farm to School group will meet in Portsmouth MS 3:30-5:30 on October 15.

VII. public comments- none

VIII. Next large group meeting is at the high school on September 24 at 7-9.

The next steering committee will meet October 9 at 5pm in the high school conference room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35.

Submitted by Sarah Larson-Dennen