

ORCSD Full Meeting Agenda  
September 24, 2014 at 7:00pm ORHS Library

Present: Shelley Mitchell, Leticia Denoya, Maggie Morrison, Ed Charle, Cristina Dolcino, Nell Neal, Sue Caswell, Griffin Sinclair-Wingate, Mark Milliken, John Carroll, Cyd Scarano, Maggie Morrison, Cristina Dolcino, Chuck Cox (late), Mary Caulfield (late), Mary Ellen Webb (late), Kristin Houle (late),

I. Call to Order 7:04      Motion: Shelley      Second: John

II. Introductions - completed

III. Preliminary Actions (15 minutes)

A. Approval of Agenda: All approved      Motion: Shelly      second: Barry

B. Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2014

Motion: Maggie      second: Shelley

C. Correspondence/Announcements: Announcement of John Carroll's new digital book:

IV. Public Comments (5 minutes) - none

V. Discussion/Updates (25 minutes)

A. Steering Committee Update

a. HS "Sus" Club

Mark: The Club has met a couple times after school.

It is hoped that a stipend will be given to an advisor and a UNH student.

This week is Spirit Week... some effort is taking place to monitor composting. Trying to simplify the process with food and trays, bottles and cans, and everything else.

Creating a rap to educate about composting/recycling, water bottle awareness

challenge. Also will hopefully plan a trip to MOH to see Igor in use. Long term plan is to have HS students build and "Igor" for HS.

b. Events- Durham Day on Saturday afternoon and our trifold will be displayed.

B. UNH Interns Update (10 minutes)

Shelley: She has attempted to contact Jeff about starting up with the Ecological Footprint but there has been no email response.

Brian apologizes he couldn't be here due to a lab. He is attending the Sus Club meetings and supporting the Green Teams.

Leticia: She is helping with Mary to start up a MS Sustainability Club. Helping with MS gardening and with brochures for maple sugaring and for Doris regarding nutrition.

Shelley- There is another UNH Intern interested in joining. An additional contact will be made to Jeff. A new intern may then be considered.

Additional suggestions for Intern work:

PR role, writer, "Web master" for Green Oyster web page

- C. Child Nutrition Director (10 minutes) - A thank you letter was shared a thank you letter sent to Doris by a representative from Wholesome Wave. They visited Mast Way and were very appreciative to have information shared with them from the staff/chefs about the kitchen, gardens, food preparation, and general sustainability initiatives.  
John- Dr. Morse expressed interest in showing the movie, *Fed Up*, to the OR Community this year.  
Consider partnering up with the Health and Wellness Committee or piggy backing with a Community Dinner.  
Griffin: The Sus Club was hoping to put on a Local Organic Food Day before winter.
- D. Green Teams Update
- a. MW- Maggie- Green Team is getting reconfigured. Other teachers, Paras, Community member, are getting involved to spread the learning and participation. Maggie will meet with PTO to begin to talk about how to handle waste for events.  
Possibly developing a District wide "Event policy" and provide the necessary tools/support to follow this policy.  
Vegies have been harvested from the school gardens. Fingerling potatoes were joyfully harvested by students and will be served at the District's Harvest Community Dinner on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. MOH- Cyd- Assemblies were held in each wing to review composting and recycling procedures. The students played a trivia game to help review the process and the learning from last year's sustainability mini lessons. Green Team will meet tomorrow with an invitation for new members.
  - c. MS- Mary- Started off the year monitoring the cafeteria composting/recycling again with 7 parent volunteers.  
There is a "sustainability" aire in the Fusion Team and they painted trash cans for the school.  
A review of the recycling guidelines in the classrooms also needs to be done.  
It is hoped that Joe's work with the students in the gardens will be a good starting point for the new Sustainability Club. Also it would be good to figure out how to care for the gardens through the summer. Some classroom teachers are asking to have composting containers. Looking into buying composting bin suitable for the classroom. Working on organizing an EcoMaine field trip for MS students.
  - d. HS- The Sustainability Challenge was offered to all Fall athletic teams. Each team was invited to participate in an initiative that supports sustainable practices.  
The Bobcat Invitational X-C event was a successful first effort to shift human behaviors of recycling and composting toward more consistent sustainable practices. Observations were made by GT leaders of how the labeled containers were used to help gain knowledge of have to increase the successful use of the compost, recycling, and trash containers. The food sold at the concession stand (much of it made by OR participants) were also wrapped in waxed paper/foil and not plastic.

The Girls' soccer team will offer free water with compostable cups and field maintenance. Photo shown of ORHS X-C team.

The golf team will help patch divots without using chemicals at a golf course in Newmarket.

The field hockey team will clean up Lee Speedway.

The volleyball team is still considering several ideas.

Foster's will be invited to come and write an article about the Sustainability Challenge with the sport teams.

A sign will be put up at school about the support the athletes showed for sustainability.

Griffin- this challenge should help develop a sense of responsibility

Cyd- Additional "Igor's" funds are available.

John- Do students involved in theatre, music have the same opportunities for the sustainability challenge???

Cyd- Not yet. This is a pilot program but hopefully it can be expanded.

The kitchen in the HS is only composting now.

Consider writing a School Grant from EcoMaine.

Griffin- How does EcoMaine dispose of their waste?

Mary- They use an incinerator.

- e. Other- John suggested that emailing out a letter to new parents, kindergarteners, and Barrington HS students that explains ORSC, Production Gardens, and initiatives.

E. "Production" Gardens (5 minutes) - A meeting will be taking place by the end of October.

F. School Board Update (10 minutes) - At the last School Board meeting Ed invited people to come to this meeting.

G. "Summit" work (10 minutes) - Different groups/initiatives have gone off to do their work.  
Nell- The "Pay as you Throw" program is being investigated in Durham. There will be a meeting with Durham Town Council about this option.

Unitarian Fellowship, Durham Community Church, and the St. Thomas Moore Catholic faith communities are considering the use of solar energy. An info meeting will take place soon.

John will talk with Michael Bradley (St. George's Episcopal Church) about involving a church representative in the "Summit" Committee.

## VI. New Business

A. Development of new initiatives process:

1. Highlights of Green Team Leaders

Cyd- educational initiatives... PPT on climate change, reducing carbon footprint... NH resources... Moose, Maples, and Mountains Theme

Mary- Power Down Initiative - taking reading manually from each school to get firm data to see how electricity use changed and could be reduced. MS students got involved in the collection and analysis of data.

Middle School student, Lucas S., self-produced video about recycling in the District

Video produced by Kathleen Young that highlighted GT leaders in all the schools Maggie- "Summit" Meeting in Durham with Faith Communities, ORSCD, and citizens met to organize sustainable work so resources and efforts could be used more effectively.

2. Sharing of the Green Ribbon Schools Pillars

Review/discuss: Green Ribbon Schools (US Dept. of Education) Pillars as guiding principles <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/index.html>

3. Brainstorming of projects, initiatives, themes (see addendum Brainstormed list of Ongoing and New Initiatives September 2014)
4. Steering Committee will look over the list and sort them using the pillars. This will then be sent out to the Full Committee for review before the next Full meeting in November. At this meeting initiatives will be selected by each individual followed by a goal-setting and planning session.

B. ORSC Educational Outreach Money Dispersal- not discuss

C. ORSC Members Composition for 2014-2015- not discuss

D. ORSCD Website Update (5 minutes)- not discuss

VII. Closing Actions (5 minutes)

A. Selection of full meeting dates for 2014-2015 school year at ORHS Library when available

~~Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 7pm~~

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7pm

Thursday, January 8, 2015 (snow date Monday, January 12) at 7pm

Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7pm

Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 7pm (6pm potluck dinner)

B. Next Steering Meeting date: Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 5pm ORHS 120

C. Agenda Items for next Full meeting- updates, new initiative planning

D. Recognition- not discussed

VII. Adjournment 9:11 motion: Ed second: John

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**ORSC Brainstorming Initiatives List - Fall 2014**

Ongoing work:

- Composting-recycling
- Reducing waste in kitchen and Schools: Stream line bulk condiments, no straws, compostable supplies
- Provide healthy and local foods for school meals (e.g., Farm to School, local farmers, fish)
- District Community Dinners serving local foods
- Ongoing financial support of local food purchases for School nutrition program
- Nutritious local foods-
- Water filling stations
- Support instruction in the gardens
- Continue to use green products at the facility work.... Cleaning supplies, tiles and not carpets,
- Friday Power Downs and Break/vacation Power Downs
- Electricity awareness
- Sustainability Challenges
- Educational events.. movies, speakers, books,
- Continue our own professional development
- Maple sugaring, pumpkins, vegies, herbs, flowers etc... in the schools
- Continue to support community gatherings that celebrate sustainable work
- Outdoor Education, trail use, environmental lessons, etc...
- Bike to School program at MS
- Car and bus decrease idling at the schools
- Bio diesel fuel for buses
- Bus routes efficiency
- Retrofit of lighting in District
- Digital communication verses paper
- Buy recycled paper for copiers
- Support ongoing themes of education/instruction by teachers and GT leaders

Potentially new work:

- Continually commission the Schools: Systems are checked regularly with Seimens
- Nutritious local foods- "improve" contracts with food providers

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- Green the supply chain- service, products, or process for both inside and outside environments
- Developing a stronger connections with outdoor instruction, enjoyment, awareness, stewardship...

- Provide opportunities for student learning to be showcased to the larger Communities (like the UNH undergraduate model)
- Water bottle free campus - add more stations
- If new field is approved at HS include hydration stations outside
- Reducing paper use... make all copiers default to duplex. Add this to the new contract in 2 years.
- Strong student Sustainability Clubs
- Have students from MOH and MW attend the Recycling Conference in June
- How many teachers are implementing sustainability topics? Survey?
- Provide support to these teachers teaching sustainability
- Atlas implementation may help share information of instructional areas across grade levels
- Wellness Fair for Staff in District
- Develop a relationship with the District Wellness Committee
- Gaining more connections with Community (attending farmer markets by students)
- Jim R continually working on the Rain Garden at MW - use for education
- Solar Carports
- Revision Energy... awnings on buildings that are not south facing
- Field Trip Education Guidebook... ETS, EcoMaine,
- Lessening our dependency to fossil fuels and increasing our educational awareness of alternative energy sources
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade environment camp
- Field Trips for adults to schools, programs, businesses etc.. involved in sustainability work
- Continue to develop alliance with other Sustainability Organizations
- Research grant opportunities
- Clarify cleaning policies that can be used in classrooms ... newsletter, signage?
- Events District policy - other schools,
- Benchmarking what other schools are doing for practices of sustainability
- New employees and student orientation program regarding sustainability practices
- Winter gardening using tunnels
- Reduce paper use