

ORCSD Full Meeting Draft Notes
November 12, 2014 at 7:00pm ORHS Library

Present: John Carroll, Chuck Cox, Mary Caulfield, Laticia Denoya, Cristina Dolcino, Cyd Scarano, Mary Ellen Webb, Annie Snelling, Nell Neal, Sarah Larson-Dennen, Maggie Morrison. Dennis Harrington and Sue Caswell arrived at 8:11pm.

I. Call to Order 6:08 Motion: Cristina Second: Sarah

II. Introductions- Annie Snelling joined us tonight

III. Preliminary Actions

A. Approval of Agenda: motion: Cristina second: Sarah

B. Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2014 motion: Mary Ellen second: Cyd

C. Correspondence/Announcements:

-Lisa Huppe (via Cristina), many buses breaking down this fall. In the process of buying 3 new buses, leasing 3 buses as well. Investigated using a propane bus. Propane burns cleaner. John shared with the group that Propane causes environmental impact with fracking. Wondered what the number of seats are being filled on the buses? Cristina will ask Lisa.

D. Other

IV. Public Comments–none

V. Discussion/Updates

A. Steering Committee Update

a. ORSC Members Composition for 2014-2015 –

Cristina – Worried about the make-up of the committee and the numbers in the group. Should she put more work into this?

John – your efforts are good- while not getting members, you'll informing the public we exist.

Mary suggested setting up an hour discussion at the library.

Maggie – what if we rotate our meeting locations – Madbury library or town hall and Durham Library.

John – wish we could get parents more involved.

The group discussed that people are busy, attendance is down in many groups. PTOs

Maggie suggested maybe we do an early morning meeting-10:30am

Mary will look into the meeting at the Durham library on January 8th.

Steering committee discussed the process for tonight's meeting.

Cristina- The stipend for the UNH student helping the HS Sustainability group.

b. Other-

B. UNH Interns Update

C. Laticia and Mary have their first Going Green Club meeting with the Middle Schoolers afterschool tomorrow. Meeting times will be determined once the group meets. Mary asked if there is money in the budget for snacks. Mary will email Sue Caswell about this and how she would like the cost to be submitted. Cristina suggested that the group could coordinate with the high school.

Maggie suggested we send students in the group to the North East Resource Recovery Association annual conference in Manchester NH.

Brian is working with the HS group. Zero Waste is an initiative they are trying out. The group is interested in eliminating plastic bottles.

The third UNH intern continues to work with Shelley on the District Foot Print.

MaryEllen wondered if Brian would be interested in helping build a hoop house. She will contact him via email.

D. Child Nutrition Director

a. Community Dinner January 22, 2015 and Movie: *Fed Up* 6:30pm

Doris was not able to organize the dinner for 1/22. She is trying January 29 but has not heard. Mary has a copy of the movie.

b. Other

E. Green Teams Update

Cristina suggested we send the updates from each school to the whole staff and school board members to keep them informed. Maggie will send a report to Cristina who will send it out to the group.

Mary shared that a student group from Hampton came to the HS to talk with the green team about their composting process in the cafeteria. Mary also spoke about the grant writing process with Eco-Maine.

F. "Production" Gardens – Group has a meeting Monday November 17 – 6:30 Moharimet.

G. School Board Update – nothing to report

H. Other -

VI. New Business

A. Selection of initiatives for initial work during 2014-15

The group looked at the list of Ongoing Work and looked at what and who is working on each project.

Nell spoke to her concern on the amount of waste at the MS.

John suggested we stop selling this wasteful packaging and end these contracts.

Mary – it's difficult to stop this because Doris makes a lot of money selling these items.

Potentially New Work list-

John – revision energy and solar carports.

Cristina – reduce paper use. Duplexing papers copied. Looking at cradle-to-cradle concept.

John suggested three ideas – solar, looking at the food providers contracts, and winter gardening using tunnels- production gardens.

Maggie spoke about the Rain Garden plan at MW. Diverting rainwater out of the parking lot, trees cut down along the road, new plantings. Group is interested in getting Church and school together on this.

The group decided on the following:

Pillar 1 – Reduce Environmental impact and costs

- Solar energy- lessening dependence on fossil fuels – maybe Fall 2015
- reducing paper/ copier contract- (Green team members and Sue)

Pillar 2 – Improve the health and wellness of students and staff

- Production garden (Dennis, Cyd, Chuck and Sarah LD)

Pillar 3 – Provide effective environmental and sustainability education, incorporating Stem, civic skills, and green career paths.

- Educational events -Movie in January – Fed Up. (Cristina and Nell)
- Sending kids to the Recycling conference in June. (Mary and Maggie)
- Stewardship Projects- citizenship projects and education, trail maintenance, bridge building: Stahlworthy, (MS and HS), Moharimet and The Lee Town Forest (MW) -
- Mast Way's rain garden – connecting teachers/students/ community/ (Jim Rozicki, Maggie, Laticia, MaryEllen and Annie Snelling.)

- ❖ Members who still need to choose an initiative - Barry, Shelley, Griffin, Ed, Mark, Kristin

B. Other

VII. Closing Actions

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

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

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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: Tuesday, December 2nd 5pm ORHS 120

C. Agenda Items for next Full meeting in January 2015!- not discussed

D. Recognition- not discussed

VII. Adjournment 8:56pm motion: Sarah second: Nell

Resources:

Green Ribbon Schools (US Dept. of Ed) Pillars as guiding principles

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/index.html>

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