

ORSC Steering Committee

Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 5pm ORHS Room 120

Present: Cristina Dolcino, Ed Charle, Dennis Harrington, Sarah Larson-Dennen, Nell Neal, Doris Demers, Mark Milliken, Maggie Morrison, Mary Caulfield, Brian T. (Doris left at 5:45).

Visitors – Marisa Flynn, Tyler Jones (HS students)

David Rowell and Mark Gauthier from Foss Manufacturing Company from Hampton, NH

Present:

I. Call to Order 5:04pm motion: Cristina second: Sarah

II. Welcome/Introductions- two high school students joined us – Marissa Flynn and Tyler Jones

III. Preliminary Actions

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

2. Approval of Minutes: Steering meeting October 28, 2014

motion: Maggie second: Nell all in favor

3. Correspondence/News: Doris shared with the group that we did not get the Production Garden Grant but the group will try again after looking at their feedback.

IV. Public Comments- none

V. Old Business –

1. Green Team Leaders Update – nothing shared tonight

2. Working Groups Updates

- Production garden group met last week and is moving forward for the production garden. As mentioned above, the group did not get the Garden Grant to fund the production gardens and will try again. Tony Lee (teacher) and Matt Lynch (OR parent) built a hoop house for Moharimet.

4. Community Dinner and Fed Up movie - January 8, 2015

5. "Spreading" the word of ORSC – not discussed

a. Community "Get to Know" ORSC steering meetings

b. Collaboration with other "likeminded" organizations- in District and in the Community

6. Other – nothing shared

VI. New Business

1. Presentation by Dave Rowell from Foss Manufacturing "Plastic bottles collection project". Foss acquires chopped up water bottles (#1 on the bottom) plastic resin and recycles them into automotive: interior trim fabrics, trunk liners and seat backings - Wall coverings, craft felt and indoor/outdoor carpeting - Respiratory masks, shoe uppers (New Balance shoes) and apparel accessories. Many of plastic resins they acquire are imported from Asia and South America and they are looking to acquire plastics locally. Brand name is called "ecofi". www.eco-fi.com 800-746-4018. Foss would pick up bottles from schools. Students could bring bottles from home or it could be the bottles from the school. Foss will contribute money back to the school for the bottles supplied to their company. Foss would supply the plastic bags for students to bring in bottles. Foss is interested in change starting at schools and educating students that every bottle can make a difference.

Discussion: The group struggled with the philosophical issue of encouraging plastic bottles to be used. The group agreed that it would be great to encourage the students to see it as a fundraising opportunity. Dennis is that we are using students to help make a profit for a company. Could the company provide the District with one of their products in exchange for the bottles? Perhaps the school could visit Foss to promote career opportunities for students: a

field trip for students (HS Sustainability Group) to Foss, Coca Cola and EcoMaine to see the process at three different facilities. Mark Milliken will be the contact for this.

2. Other – Maggie brought up her concern with the Mast Way Rain Garden and the making of 11 additional parking spaces and that this is being counterintuitive to the work of making a rain garden. Should these types of plans be shared with the Sustainability Group? Cristina spoke with Sue about having Don Quigley fell the trees and saw them up at the UNH mill.

VII. Public Comments- none

VIII. Future Full Meeting dates for 2014-2015 school year at ORHS Library

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

~~Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7pm~~

Monday, January 12 at 7pm (Snow date will be January 28)

Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7pm

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

IX. Future Steering meeting ORSC Meetings for 2014-2015

Monday December 8, 2014 at 5pm

X. Closing Actions - none

XII. Adjournment 6:55pm

motion: Maggie second: Cristina

Submitted by Sarah Larson-Dennen