

ORSC Steering Committee Minutes
Monday, December 8, 2014 at 5pm ORHS Room 120

Present: Mark Milliken, Nell Neil, Cyd Scarano, Maggie Morrison, Cristina Dolcino

I. Call to Order 5:04 motion: Cristina second: Nell

II. Welcome/Introductions- not necessary

III. Preliminary Actions

1. Approval of Agenda: motion: Cristina second: Cyd All approved

2. Approval of Minutes: Steering meeting Tuesday, December 2, 2014

motion: second: Will be completed at next ORSC Steering Committee Meeting

3. Correspondence/News: Farm to School grant was not awarded to ORSC ... this time. ☺

EcoMaine grant decision should be made any day now.

IV. Public Comments- none

V. Old Business

1. Discussion of Foss Manufacturing "Plastic bottles collection project"

Con-

The collection of water bottles in classroom will be tricky. Not coming into classroom with the bottles would be important and therefore outside drop-off needs to be figured out.

Timing of when project will be started... enough time to do effective education

The feeling is that there are a lot of water

We don't want this to "look" like a supporter of single use bottles

Educational spot-on presentation is the key

Esthetics and "user friendliness" of the collection bins in school or in the parking lot will need to be considered

Pro-

Foss is a local company trying to do good."

We can be a "pilot" project site

Good PR for ORCSD.

This project could be a "gateway" to a lot of awareness

Presentation from Foss to students, staff, and parents

Educational piece needs to include students/families who do attend any educational presentations.

Educational presentations need to be repeated for adequate reinforcement.

"I would be ok with it if it was a strong educational campaign."

Ideally we would like to not use petroleum based products but if we do so let's do it the right thing.

Foss seems to not be sold on the prize/payment aspect. Scholarships are the exception.

Monetary kickback..... future scholarships??

What to do next?

One prong: Pilot programs could be started at the HS and one elementary school? Maybe both elementary schools? Would this still be viable for Foss? Does Foss "expect" a certain outcome?

We are trying to solve this problem with this initiative

Another prong: Address the selling of single use bottles in the District along with the budget model ?

Surf rider site with plastic bottles info

Bins for #1 in cafeteria... other locations to place bins for collection?

Large (dumpster size) collection bins are outside school.

Bags are brought to school by students and left outside the school. Who will then bring out to dumpster? Could older students put bags into dumpster themselves?

Tragedy of the Commons resources.. sheep...

Plastic bags will be provided by Foss. Made available at locations in towns?

Ask about viability for us to do it.

We want to reward the sustainability efforts of Foss - stressing social capital and profitability.

Nell- Volunteering to bring #1 bottles to the Transfer Center will talk Todd Selig and other Durham officials about this initiative

2. Green Team Leaders Update

Two Igors are being made for HS by Mr. Belcher. It is hoped they will be done for "rollout" in January. \$2,500 dollars given by ORSC to cover the cost should grant (written by Green Team Leaders) to ECOMAINE is not awarded to us. Signage for "Igors" will be made by HS Sus Club.

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

4. Other- Reminder about Power Down and data collection at each school by GT leaders.

Reinforcement for staff participation will be offered by GT leaders in teacher rooms.

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 Wednesday, January 28, 2015)

Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7pm

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

IX. Future Steering meeting date- in January TBD

X. Closing Actions

XII. Adjournment 6:17

motion: Nell

second: Cristina