

ORSC Full Meeting Minutes - Draft

January 26 2016 at 7:00pm

ORHS Library

Present: Kristin Houle, Cristina Dolcino, Maggie Morrison, Tracy Schroeder, Barry Kaplan, Nell Neal, MaryEllen Webb, Sarah Larson-Dennen, Mary Caulfield, Jaimie Pageau, Shelley Mitchell, Sue Caswell, Damian Woodard, Dan Klein, Dennis Harrington

I. Call to Order 7:03 Motion: Dennis Second: Shelley

II. Introductions

III. Preliminary Action

A. Approval of Agenda: Suggestion to move the facilities information up to right after public comments
motion: Cristina second: Dennis All approved

B. Approval of Minutes of November 23, 2015 motion: Maggie second: Maryellen

C. Correspondence/Announcements-

- Cristina shared an email from Paul Gazowski complimenting the group for organizing the December Bag It movie and the community dinner.
- Also, John Carroll wrote a letter to Dr. Morse about the Durham Winter Farmers Market being held at ORMS starting next year.
- Soil workshops are being held at the Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall in Lee. Contact the Lee Library for more information.
- Maggie shared that on February 11 at 6:30pm in the ORHS auditorium there will be a movie showing entitled, *Just Eat It*. This is sponsored by Seacoast Interfaith Stewards of the Earth, Next Gen Climate Oyster River Sustainability Committee and the UNH Campus Ministry.
- *Gasland* is a movie being sponsored by the ORHS Sustainability Club on March 3 at ORHS at 6:30 (?). There will be a showing (shortened) for students to attend during the day and another showing in the evening for the public followed by a discussion
- Shelley shared a letter from a former ORSC intern

D. Facilities Update

- Jamie shared with the group a new cleaning product being used in the schools called Blue Clean. We are the first public school in NH to use the OS3 model. It is electrically activated water that acts as a cleaner, disinfectant and sanitizer (certified by the EPA). This cuts down on our carbon footprint – no manufacturing (made on site), no shipping, no concentrated chemicals to store, no residue, no packaging (all carbos are reused), a safe cleaner that keeps the cleaning staff safe from chemical exposure. This is not a cost saver for the district. The motivation was to keep people safer, create less landfill waste and work towards creating a low carbon footprint. This began three months ago. Shelley complimented Jaimie on the work the facilities group is doing. Maggie asked if the teachers will each get a bottle to use in the classroom. Jaimie will look into this.

IV. Public Comments – None

V. Expenditures and request for purchases

A. Green Team request for anticipated expenditures for 2015-2016-

- Maggie is interested in having the Blue Ocean Society visit MW to work with their students. Could possibly cost \$700-\$800. The whole school will benefit from this. The next step is to talk to the MW staff about their interest. Maggie will share their thoughts at the next meeting.
- Maggie made a motion to have the ORSC support her efforts to collaborate with the Blue Ocean Society to bring a whale presentation to MW and to not have the cost to exceed \$800. Vote –all in favor.

- Cristina asked about using monies to pay a stipend to someone who could help Doris with the Farm to School program – picking up produce from farms and delivering it to the cafes.
- Maggie suggested using money to pay a local parent (Cristina Felix) to manage the gardens during the summer months.
- Mary suggested we use money to support some MS teachers who are interested in teaching students about solar energy. Barry suggested that Revision Energy may be able to help with this. Cristina suggested the teachers do some research and present their plan to the group. This could be for next year.

VI. Discussion/Updates

A. UNH Intern Update –

- Damian Woodard (UNH intern) is working with Jim R. on looking at the District's Ecological Footprint. He will also look at the Blue Water cleaning projects. Damian will also connect with Mark Milliken to learn about Foss's project. Damian is doing a summer independent project look at generating heat with compost piles and home-made solar panels. Our second intern will no longer be available to work with the group.
- Next year intern applicants – Shelley suggested we work to get another intern from UNH – a junior would be preferred so that the student could stay with the group through his/her senior year. Cristina volunteered to help with interviews. Topics this intern could focus on: working in the classroom to support teachers with lessons, work with teachers in the gardens.
 - Mary will contact UNH to see if there are any people interested in working with our group.
 - Shelley suggested we work with Tom Lee, a UNH professor to see if he knows any students who may be interested in working with us. Shelley will write an email to Dr. Tom Lee. This will be in place of finding a Spring Intern.

B. Green Team Leaders Update –

- Kristin shared the Newsletter that the Green Team has been working on with Julie Hall (Moh technology coordinator). Once the newsletter is finished we are looking to send it out to community members via email. Dan suggested we include information regarding the environmental impact that full day kindergarten will have by eliminating the mid-day bus routes. Cristina suggested the Newsletter be sent to the SB /Dr. Morse to review before it's sent out to the community. The group is hoping to send it out in February and we will reevaluate the need for more issues after that. Shelley suggested we include the work that Damian is doing on the Ecological Footprint, Foss EcoThrow, and the "blue water" Facility's work.
- Mary shared that the ORMS Green Bean club invited town officials (Todd Selig and Chief Kurtz) to their next meeting to share with them the clubs information about "No Idling" and what it would entail to have a no idling policy in the town. Mary spoke about the t-shirts for the MS club. Mary also spoke about the flatware that is available to use at sports banquets. She spoke about the logistics behind using the flatware: cleaning, storing. Maybe they should be kept in Doris's office? Currently, they are in Corey Parker's office. Most of this is organized by the coaches and parents. How can we let them know the process?
- Kristin shared that Moh Igor has two sides now and it helps the Moh kids move through the line quicker during lunch clean-up.
- Maggie shared that the HS group is interested in putting together a presentation from Foss manufacturing to educate the students about the Foss project and how they can help. They are also organizing the aforementioned movie - *Gasland*. A showing of this movie will be during the day for HS students and it will be again during the evening for a public viewing. She is also working with John Bromley to get the HS staff involved in the SC work. She is also working with MW teachers to collect the plastic bottles to give to the Moh Foss collecting receptacle.

C. ORHS Sus Club Update – see notes above

D. School Board Representative Update - Dan reiterated the positive environmental impact that the proposed field renovation will have on the HS land. He also pointed out the positive environmental impact that Full Day kindergarten will have with the elimination of the mid-day bus routes.

E. Steering meeting Update

- Discuss E-Newsletter/publication details for ORCSD Community
- Recap Thursday, January 7, 2016 – Community Dinner and *bag it* movie showing) movie – Having the movie coincide with a community dinner is helpful. Approximately 110 people attended movie
- Recap Farmer’s meeting led by Doris - Thursday, January 21, 2016. Cristina and Doris met with interested farmers to discuss the potential crops and the potential price. They will decide on standing orders or the growing of a specific crop to be grown for District: carrots, cucumbers, etc. Stacy Purslow was also there representing the Cooperative Extension Farm to School program. She reminded the group about the new bidding process regulations. They met for 90 minutes.

VII. New Initiatives for the 2015-2016 with individuals working on initiative

Pillar 1 – Green Schools Pillar 1 – Reduce Environmental impact and costs

- The Ecological Footprint report – Damian shared this earlier in the meeting.
- Solar Energy – Jim R. sent an email that he is waiting for more information and will share next time.
- Paper consumption - Damian will share this information in the Eco footprint report.
- Transportation - This will be shared at the next meeting
- Foss Project – Info shared above

Pillar 2 - Green Schools Pillar 2 – Improve the health and wellness of students and staff

- Community Outreach – nothing to report
- Community dinners – future dinner date to be determined.
- Working with the Wellness committee – The group talked about sharing a community dinner event next year.
- Continue work with gardens at each school.
- Doris would like to find a farmer to plant a crop strictly for her use. Carrots? Cristina shared the Farmer’s meeting that took place on 1/21. Winter farmers market at the Middle school. Information has been shared with Dr. Morse and School Board for the next year.
- Educating community about the Green Work of the Maintenance – via February newsletter
- Production garden – on hold

Pillar 3 - Green Schools Pillar 3 – Provide effective environmental and sustainability education, incorporating STED, civic skills, and green career paths.

- Working to eradicate invasive species in Stohlworthy - project completed
- Movies for the public – information shared earlier in meeting
- Community dinners – date to be determined
- Green Team members to environmental Conferences with Students- no conferences in the future
- Butterfly and Pollinator habitats built at the schools – nothing to report
- Reduce single-use products and promote reusable plates, cups, utensils– nothing to report
- Reusable mugs to be refilled at local coffee places - nothing
- Educational events – Community dinner/movie, Winter Farmer’s Market, ORCSD Deliberative Session, - see information shared earlier in the meeting.

- Stewardship Projects- citizenship projects and education, trail maintenance, bridge building: Stohworthy, (MS and HS), Moharimet and The Lee Town Forest (MW) – Maggie, Mary
- HS Students attending conference or another school for networking and learning opportunities – no conferences in the future

Dept. of Education: Green Ribbon School Pillars

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

VIII. New Business

- A. End of year report to School Board – Identify important topics
- B. Future Movie showings
 - *Just Eat It*, on Feb. 11, 2016
 - ORHS Sus Club - *Gasland* movie, on March 3 at 6:30PM. ORHS auditorium
<http://www.gaslandthemovie.com/>
- C. Next Community Outreach Opportunity? Ideas? Networking? Cristina will attend with ORSC Trifold working PR at the Winter Farmer’s market on April 9th at Wentworth Greenhouse. Cristina will contact Paul G about a Lee newsletter or new group being formed.
- D. New members initiative- share information in the newsletter for this. Nell offered to call people who sign-up to be on our “friends” of ORSC list and invite them to attend our meetings

IX. Closing Actions

- A. Approval of full meeting dates for 2015-2016 school year at ORHS Library

~~Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 7pm~~

~~Monday, November 23, 2015 at 7pm~~

~~Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7pm. Snowdate: Wednesday, January 27 2016~~

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 7pm

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7pm (6pm potluck dinner and meeting)

- B. Next Steering Meeting date March 14, 2016 ORHS conference room 5-7pm

- C. Agenda Items for next Full meeting March 23, 2016

- School Board yearly report items
- Expenditure of funds
- Collaboration with Wellness Committee next year – Info session at Community Dinner

X. Adjournment 9:06 motion: Cristina second: Barry