

ORSC Steering Committee Draft Notes  
Monday, March 14, 2015 at 5pm ORHS room 120

**Present:** Dennis Harrington, Nell Neal, Jim Rozycki, Doris Demers, Sue Caswell, John Carroll, Maggie Morrison, Cristina Dolcino, Sarah Larson-Dennen, Kristin Houle, Mary Caulfield

I. Call to Order            motion: Dennis            second: Cristina

II. Welcome/Introductions

III. Preliminary Actions

1. Approval of Agenda:    motion: John    second: Cristina
2. Approval of Minutes: Steering meeting Monday, November 19, 2015  
   motion: John    second: Cristina
3. Correspondence/News

IV. Public Comments- none

V. Expenditures for this year and reporting out process – Sue asked the Green Team to report any expenditures. Maggie shared the need to hire someone to manage the summer gardens and communicate with Doris what is available in the gardens to serve. Maggie shared that the Blue Ocean Society will visit Mastway – no charge. Nell shared that she and Mary have talked about solar energy but they haven't made any decisions on what to purchase. If Cristina sees something at the National Conference in March she will purchase it for the schools to use. The group discussed more about hiring someone to help Doris. Jim suggested using some money to purchase Marketing items for the group: water bottles, t-shirts. He also suggested Grow-Ems which are prepackaged gardens to help teachers get started.

John made a motion to hire a farm to school coordinator as a pilot to work with Doris in the Child Nutrition Program. Seconded by Dennis. All members are in favor.

Doris will put a proposal together by next Wednesday to share with the large group.

Maggie will put together a proposal, as well, to hire a person to work just with the high school gardens over the summer.

Mary will meet with MS science teachers who are interested in purchasing a solar panel. Joe Boucher is interested in purchasing a solar powered water feature for a MS garden. Again, Cristina will look at the Science conference for solar “stuff”.

VI. Old Business

1. Updates by Green Team leaders –  
Mary- shared a “No-Idle Zone” street sign that will posted along Denison Road in front of the Middle School. Signs will also be hung at the HS. Todd Selig and Mike Lynch met with the MS Green Bean group to talk about the signs. Mary would like to

have the kids work on a brochure that will be kept in the office or given to new families to educate the community about concerns.

Maggie – shared that the films shown recently were a big success. The HS SUS club is interested in working with other schools on similar issues. Maggie spoke with Mark Milliken to work with the Civics teachers at the HS to help connect students to local initiatives. Mary and Maggie put in a proposal to work with the Reach program teaching about Sustainability issues.

Kristin - has been speaking with classrooms about Foss. The Green Team will meet on Friday to discuss the recycling at the Pancake breakfast in April. Maple sugaring is happening. Pollinator garden is on hold. Marcia Twombly and Brenda Chapentier from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests have visited the sugar shack at Moharimet and are working on the conservation land at Powder Major Farm (whose sap is boiled at Moharimet).

## 2. Update of projects/initiatives

a. Foss Manufacturing led Eco-Throw project – The bin at Moharimet has been filling up fast. It's been difficult to keep the bin clean at the HS. Should the bin be moved to MW? A parents from MW drives recyclables to the Moh. The group discussed moving the HS bin to MW for next year. Maggie will discuss this with the MW principal. Jim suggested the bin should be located by the dumpster. Dennis will talk to Mark about moving the bin to MW and who will discuss this with Foss. Maggie suggested to Jim that the head custodians at MW and MOH be the communicators with Foss.

b. ORSC led initiatives - none

## 3. Update from Food Services

a. Harvest Community Dinners – past and future . March 24 is the next dinner. Another one may be on May 5<sup>th</sup> in coordination with a HS health fair. Sarah will work on planning a 4<sup>th</sup> grade focused community dinner to get the MW and MOH 4<sup>th</sup> graders together at the MS for a BBQ in June.

b. Follow-up from local “Farmer’s Networking” meeting from January 2016. Doris met with a group of HS students interested in a Nutrition Group. The group is working to be a connection between Doris and the students to try new foods to be served in the district.

4. Update from Facilities – Damian has been working with Jim R. Jim met with James Hasselback with Revision about two weeks ago. Showed what an array would look like over the gym and the auditorium at the HS and the facilities building. They looked at the weight concerns for snow pack and the solar equipment. The next step is to contact the roofing manufacture. It is not to power the whole school but it will offset some savings. MW is not being considered because the town of Lee recognizes the panels as something to be taxed and that doesn't make sense for the district. The time frame may be within the year. Jim shared data regarding the power downs during vacations. The group discussed how to educate the teachers about power downs.

## 5. Update from Transportation- no report

## VII. New Business

1. Ideas/initiatives to ponder and discuss for next year. Maggie spoke to the attendance to the movies. People are going even if there is not a meal offered. When the students are organizing the movies the weakness is advertising the event. Dennis brought up connecting what is being taught in the schools in coordination with the movie topic. We would love to see more students at these events. Mary suggested having a speaker that may be more directed to what the students are interested in at the moment.

Nell suggested we start looking at meeting the criteria for the Green Ribbons Dept of Education "Award" . Also, are we still keeping the goal of changing awareness and shifting the culture towards sustainability in mind?

Cristina shared the Newsletter educating the public on the Sust. Groups work. This will be sent out to parents, teachers in the community. The Green Team leaders, Cristina and Julie Hall (Moh Tech Coordinator) made the newsletter.

2. Outcome of Annual District vote and affects to ORSC

## VIII. Public Comments- none

## IX. Future Full ORSC Meeting dates for 2015-2016 school year. Typically takes place at the ORHS.

~~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-meeting at Moharimet)

## X. Agenda ideas for Full ORSC meeting-

## XI. Future Steering meeting date- TBD

## XII. Closing Actions-

XIII. Adjournment at 6:57pm motion: Dennis second: Cristina

Submitted by Sarah Larson-Dennen