

ORSC Meeting Agenda
Monday, April 11, 2016 at 5pm ORHS room 120

Present: Nell Neal, Sue Caswell, Cristina Dolcino, Kristin Houle, Mary Caulfield, Maggie Morrison, Todd Allen, Dan Klein.

I. Call to Order: 5:01 motion: Nell second: Dennis

II. Welcome/Introductions- yes

III. Preliminary Actions

1. Approval of Agenda: Dan motion: Nell second: Cristina

IV. Discussion with Assistant Superintendent Todd Allen about the District's curriculum

1. Purpose for this meeting- Cristina spoke to the interest, by the full ORSC members, to learn more about the curricula and the presence of sustainability across grades and disciplines.

2. Outline overall curricula elements/process in the District

Todd spoke about the general process of curricula development. It generally takes 2-3 years for a curriculum to be approved and used by all.

Currently the plan being considered for curricula: Next year the science curriculum will begin with a year of "awareness." 2016-2017 the Science Curricula will be reviewed. 2019-2010 the Science Curriculum will be implementation.

Courses in the District where the term "sustainability" was found across all curricula.

3. Share examples of current curricula that includes topics of sustainability across District

Some examples:

9th grade biology includes Earth, Ocean, and Space with aspects of sustainability

Environmental Science includes many, many areas.

The Middle School has had some shifting of classes to align with Next Gen

Social Studies also holds areas related to sustainability.

C3 Standards will need to be considered (along with Next Gen)

Bringing Next Gen into Civic classes (Cit Ed)

Nell: Local partnerships/non-profits exist - Chris Hall's work at Wagon Hill- 5th grade. These examples allow opportunities to see how a student's work can make a difference in your own community.

Maggie- mentioned that Dr. Morse told her that having a discussion with teachers about incorporating aspects of sustainability would be best done in August.

Todd: In reality it may be helpful to meet before the summer at the HS.

Senior Science Showcase has spotlighted and raised the awareness of sustainability/environmental learning. student work locally through science experiments.

Discussion has taken place at the HS about requiring a "Capstone" event - potential to have more meaning

Next Gen Standards - K-5 sustainability Thread will need to be worked on.
At 6-12 sustainability threads of sustainability may be a little more tricky

4. Identify initiatives that supports effective sustainable education. Integrate ideas into their real world work.

Maggie- Talking with department about Johns' research assignment and have the Green Team Leaders support and help with planning or student work.

Todd: Science is a natural connection for sustainability and talking to department chairs would help understand possibilities that ORSC and/or Green Team leaders could support.

English is another possible area where sustainability could be included

Social Students (World Culures) - many also have choices exist

5. Make next step plan

1. Todd: Key would be able to get access on a regular basis can we all get on the same page and do something about it

Meeting with Departments to discuss the opportunity the Green Team could offer. The other option could be to a whole school meeting.

Resources - Nell Neal will be the contact for Todd regarding the planning of a meeting with HS teachers. Todd will be in touch with Nell

Todd was offered the opportunity to leave since we need to talk about other things.

Northeast Resource Recovery Association School Recycling Conference: 2 students from MW and Moharimet, and the Middle School will be attending. Van will be driven by a ORCSD driver. Parent may have to also drive. GT leaders will drive to give more seat space for students.

Earth Day celebrations will include Maggie reading a book to classrooms at Mast Way and making clay milkweed balls and "seedballs" to be placed along the "right of way" powerlines beside school.

Next year at Mast Way, a Lee resident will be taking every 2nd grade class out into the Lee Forest. For the past 30 years, this Lee resident has also taken Mast Way students outside each week for one hour to learn about animals and the environment.

Topic for Full ORSC meeting on 5- 4th 2016. Next year's money request to support a Farm to School Coordinator. Budget discussions start in September so a formal request to Dr. Morse must take place.

Sue will contact Jim R. and Doris about where the "spring only" Farm to School Coordinator stipend is standing.

V. Public Comments - None

VI. 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)

VII. Agenda ideas for next ORSC meeting-

1. Green Ribbon School requirements, funds to request for next year, identify/foster avenues that support and instruct topics of sustainability across grades and subject areas, 2016-17 thematic collaboration with Community Dinners, request for fund procedure, Eco-throw proposed changes, transportation update,

VIII. Future Steering meeting date: TBD after May 43th full mtg

IX. Closing Actions- an additional Steering mtg may be called after the next full mtg on May 4th at 7pm.

X. Adjournment at 6:15pm motion: Nell second: Cristina

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