ORSC Steering Committee Agenda Monday, October 19, 2015 at 5pm ORHS room 120

Present: Maggie Morrison, Mary Caulfield, Kristin Houle, Cristina Dolcino, Sue Caswell

I. Call to Order 5:10 motion: Kristin second: Cristina

II. Welcome/Introductions

III. Preliminary Actions

1. Approval of Agenda: motion: Cristina second: Mary

2. Approval of Minutes: Steering meeting Wednesday, September 8, 2015

motion: Sue second: Cristina

3. Correspondence/News-None

IV. Public Comments- No public members

V. Expenditures for this year and reporting out process- No expenditures or requests

VI. Old Business

1. Updates by Green Team leaders

MOH - Kristin is reviewing recycling/composting process and knowledge. Students have many questions about the Foss #1 bottles initiative. Waiting to coordinate with Mark M. the "roll-out.". It is Kristin hope that along with recycling she will also be able to promote reusing their own water bottle. Bottle bin at MOH is full. Bottles look pretty clean.

Mastway - Maggie had been in classrooms talking about recycling/composting system. Retention pond (at the perimeter of the parking lot) was planted with hundreds of plants. Each student and many parents, the Community, and Administration also planted on a Saturday morning. A noticeable difference was observed during the last rain storm.

HS - Sustainability Club students had their retreat... zero waste, solar and energy use, film, event coordination (e.g., sports), and educational outreach were the areas that students are going to focus on with projects and work. About 10-12 students attended the retreat. Alex Fred visited (ORHS and UNH Graduate, founder of Post-Landfill Action Network http://www.postlandfill.org/about-plan/) and spoke the students about what an effective process for achieving their Sustainability Club goals. Alex reinforced that importance of building relationships, logistics, planning. Individuals such as, Tim from the kitchen and Kurt form Facilities need to be involved in the education and be an engaged "change-agent."

Other notes: Silverware in cafeteria is often "lost" in the landfill/recycling at the HS.

Maggie is presenting at the NE Farm to School Conference in Meredith on Tuesday, November 10^{th} about cafeteria composting in public schools.

Middleschool - 2nd Green Bean Club meeting took place today. At the 1st meeting with three students attended and there was talk about composting in the classroom (currently it is only done in the cafeteria). Today the Green Bean had 9 attendees partially due to the joining up with the Spirit Club (two of these students were members last year).

On November 9th there will be "Make Green Choices" event. The Spirit Club will make posters and there will be a "no cafeteria trash" lunch.

Green Bean members also talked about targeting parents who idle their cars during pick-up at the end of the day. The members are considering giving out lollipops to the cars <u>not</u> idling. A cloth banner will be made for the "No Trash Monday" class winner. Future project include making a mobile, can food drive, a paper and water reduction activity.

Jon Bromley's Environmental Science and Lit and Land classes at the HS joined together to pull invasive plants project beside the HS in the woods.

 5^{th} graders from the Middle School worked 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours last week and also pulled invasive with tools. They did an amazing time.

Jamie from Facilities is working to replace trash cans so they are smaller, consistently located, and fewer in each room.

All Green Team leaders are going down with Jim Nevans (OR Triano contact) http://www.troianowaste.com/
to see Casello http://www.troianowaste.com/what-we-do/recycling

next Wednesday. This would mean that the GT leaders have visited Triano (waste hauler) and waste energy (Covanta) http://www.covanta.com/

Mr. Fox sent picture of composting due to the inability to visit the interior of the business due to contamination concerns. https://www.facebook.com/mrfoxcomposting

Green Team members want to be educated and be able to understand the process of OR recycling "chain" and composting system.

John- We should be focusing on reusing and not only thinking of recycling.

Heather Machanoff, ORHS Counseling, will be chairing the District's Wellness... She may be planning a wellness event in March. Cristina will contact her to see if some collaboration is possible.

Theresa Prioia, from the Central office, is working on a Wellness Fair for staff this year. Cristina will also contact her to see if opportunities of involvement exist.

Thursday, January 28th Community Dinner will involve the showing of a "sustainability" movie to the public. The Green Team Leaders reviewed 18 films recently - They considered these aspects: year of production. subject matter, cost, partnerships, length of film

Recommendations: Maggie: Divide and Concord - local initiative to ban single use in Concord, MA by 2 women, \$200. 82 minutes long. Maggie is not sure if it is still possible to have one of the "stars" come to the showing Inhabit - \$20, permaculture movement

John- Brookfield Farm (a film made by John's daughter) about a year in a life of farmers was offered by John. Growing Cities was also suggested by John.

Kristin: Bag it - 45 minutes partnered with Blue Ocean Society with 15 minute discussion. \$150 for one hour. Plastic use in our lives.

The Future of Energy - 65 minutes. 2015.

Mary: Merchants of Doubt- propaganda of media's relationship of environment

Damnation - dams and the destruction of they have done in US

Just Eat It - K-12 version is 50 minutes. Basic concepts of sustainability practices. Follow a couple who just eats expired food. \$400 one showing. 2014

How will the movie be selected? All the trailers to the films, will be sent out to Full Committee Three films will be selected from the "voting" of the ORSC committee. The film will then be chosen by the ORSC Steering Committee after the whole committee's input.

In November it is hoped we have a decision and final details can be discussed at our next Full meeting on November 23rd.

2. Update of projects/initiatives-

John- October 31 meeting at MOH for the public for the Powder Major project of land 2.25 million project from NH Forest Society. Also a walk of the public. $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour meeting at Moharimet but the time was unknown.

- 3. Update from Food Services
 - a. Harvest Community Dinner on October 8th- 135- 150 meals were sold.

Sarah Cox- farmer mentioned a little "funny" to set up a market and sell so if we wanted to do it in the future to market it as a "Farmer's Market" and Community Dinner.

Maggie- maybe next year we should ask farmers which date would work best and then have the Community Dinner accommodate their farming schedule. Maybe participation would be greater?? Mast Way PTO meeting was on the same night so maybe trying to check about other events scheduled at same time.

Maggie- involve Durham and Lee Ag Commissions in our Dinners and other events. They are involved local organizations.

Mary- Offer a one night CSA sign-up for families. Their "bag" of products/produce could be picked up at the dinner!

Cristina - Raffle to win a CSA bag of produce at dinner.

- b. Planning for future Community Dinners (proposed dates: January 28, 2016, March 17, 2016)
- Cancel the reservation for auditorium for Nov. 5th since not dinner is happening
- c. Local Farmer's Meeting Contact Doris to confirm this is in the works.
- 4. Update from Facilities no one present

VII. New Business

- 1. Discussion about a District Green Team e-newsletter
 Kristin talked with MOH Tech Integrator Julie Hall about layout and considerations.
 Cristina sees the e-newsletter as a tool of promoting the work of the GT leaders. Communication for their significant work to the public and staff. Ideas of what to include in e-newsletter projects, educational info, student involvement, links to other sites, social media links, events, etc...
 Goal is to have 1st edition in mid-January and then end of year.
- 2. Discussion about guidelines for the use of products (e.g., paper, plastics) during events in the District (e.g., banquets, bake sales, classroom celebrations) Maggie thinks the HS Sus Club may want to take this on as a project. Education and social justice classes may also be interested in this work.

VIII. Public Comments- no public present

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- movie. Update, e-newsletter, Damion update of his work,
- XI. Future Steering meeting date- Monday, January 11, 2016 5pm XII. Closing Actions- none
- XIII. Adjournment at 6:48pm motion: Cristina second: Maggie