

ORSC Full Meeting - Approved
May 4, 2016 at 7:00pm
Moharimet Elementary School

Present: Tracy Schroeder, Dennis Harrington, Chuck Cox, Damian Woodard, Shelley Mitchell, Cristina Dolcino, Maggie Morrison, Nell Neal, MaryEllen Webb, Kristin Houle, Sarah Larson-Dennen, Mary Caulfield.

I. Call to Order 7:10 Motion: Shelley Second: Tracy

II. Introductions-done

III. Preliminary Actions

A. Approval of Agenda: motion: Cristina second: Shelley All approved.

B. Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2016 motion: Sarah second: Dennis

C. Correspondence/Announcements

- *Healthy Soil/ Healthy Lee* on May 23 at the Jeremiah Smith Grange in Lee 7:00-8:30

- Many members went to the local discussion held in Durham listening to author and activist Bill McKibben last Sunday.

- Solar Energy educational workshop at the ORHS multipurpose room May 24, 6:30-8:30pm

IV. Public Comments– none

V. Expenditures and request for purchases

a. Discussion about “Procedure (draft) for requesting ORSC funds” form

– Cristina shared this form with the group. The group made suggestions. Cristina will work on this and share it with the Steering Committee in the next month.

b. Requested money expenditures - none

b. Discussion of our anticipated ORSC budget for 2016-17 school year – not discussed

VI. Discussion/Updates

A. UNH Intern Damian Woodard presented the ORCSD– Ecological Footprint Project Report – See attached Draft.

Questions – Date the compactor was installed? The rise in sewage costs?

Cristina suggested we form a small group to analyze the results. Damian will share these results with Dr. Morse. He will also speak with Sue and Jim to find out why certain changes happened. Damian estimated he spent **50+ hours** on this report.

Damian would like to work with the SC group again next year. He is interested in doing more hands-on work with the students. Cristina will speak with Mr. Bromley about having Damian help with the high school group.

Mary wondered how we can share these results with staff members. Shelley shared the idea to have Damian come back to speak with the HS community to share the results. He is an OR alumnus and it would be great for teachers and students to see that what they are doing and learning in HS carries on into college.

- Next year’s intern application process

- Shelley is looking for tasks to incorporate in the advertisement for prospective UNH interns for next year.

- B. Green Team Leaders Update -
-Maggie is going to the Resource Recovery conference with students from MW, Moh and ORMS on May 17th.
-Kristin shared that Moh has purchased blueberry plants.
- Mary spoke about the MS t-shirt. Wondering what she should work on next year with the kids – brochure? Signage in the cafeteria? Should this still be a weekly club still? She is hoping to share information at the June Community dinner about the Green Bean Club with rising 4th grade families.
- C. ORHS Sus Club Update – nothing to update
- D. School Board Representative Update – not present
- D. Foss Manufacturing Eco-Throw –
-Maggie shared that Carrie V. was wondering if Foss could install a collection bin at the town of Lee collection center and not at the school. Chuck explained the recycling system at the Town. Tracy is concerned that putting the bin on the collection site will take away the student involvement in the recycling process. Kristin will speak with the people at Foss to see if they will provide a bin. Maggie will speak with Carrie about keeping it on the MW property to keep the focus student centered.
- F. “Curriculum Informational” meeting on Monday, April 11, 2016 with Assistant Superintendent Todd Allen
– Cristina reminded the group that this a three year process which will start in the Fall 2016. Felt Todd was very interested in including *sustainability* language in the new Science Curriculum. Dr. Morse also supports this. The group discussed how we can make sure that the group will have a voice in the process. MaryEllen, Cristina, and Sarah plan on being a part of the Science committee that will review the curriculum.
- G. Transportation Update
- Cristina shared notes from Lisa Huppe. See attached. Damian suggested we give incentives for carpooling. The group discussed why do people drive their children to school? Extra time to sleep? Afterschool activities? Too long on the bus?

VII. Initiatives for the 2015-2016- Evaluate and decide if accomplished, continue, or revise – the group did not discuss this.

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

- The Ecological Footprint report – (Damian, Sue and Jim R.)
- Solar Energy – Unsure about our role with this.
- Paper consumption - Continue looking at reducing paper at the school – promoting this is important and would be perfect for the Newsletter. (Green Team)
- Transportation - Increase ridership on the District Busses. Barry suggested we look at promoting carpooling at the high school. How are we meeting the bussing needs of the Barrington students? Could be looked at with the Ecological footprints. (no one volunteered for this)
- Foss Project – (Dennis and Kristin)

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

- Community Outreach – public movie on 1/7/16 after Community Dinner
- Community dinners – Harvest dinner in October. (Cristina, Sarah)
- Working with the Wellness committee to find overlapping concerns, and increase dialogue. Perhaps we could integrate with the Wellness committee to encourage healthy cooking with students. (Tracy)
- Continue work with gardens at each school. (Sarah, Dennis)
- Doris would like to find a farmer to plant a crop strictly for her use. Carrots? (Kristin and Cristina will discuss this with Doris.)
- John brought up a Sunday winter farmers market at the Middle school. John has discussed this with the Durham Agricultural committee. This would be for 2017.
- Educating community about the Green Work of the Maintenance
- Production garden (Dennis, Cyd, Chuck and Sarah LD)

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 Stolworthy (Mary)
- Movies for the public – (Cristina, HS club)
- Community dinners – (Sarah and Cristina will help Doris)
- Green Team members to environmental Conferences with Students
- Butterfly and Pollinator habitats built at the schools (Kristin)
- Reduce single-use products and promote reusable plates, cups, utensils (Barry, Cristina, Kristin, Sarah)
- Reusable mugs to be refilled at local coffee places (HS?)
- Educational events – Community dinner/movie, Winter Farmer’s Market, ORCSD Deliberative Session,
- Stewardship Projects- citizenship projects and education, trail maintenance, bridge building: Stohlworthy, (MS and HS), Moharimet and The Lee Town Forest (MW) – Maggie, Mary
- HS Students attending conference or another school for networking and learning opportunities - Maggie

Dept. of Education: Green Ribbon School Pillars

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

VIII. New Business

- A. Follow-up after Report to School Board at 4-20-16 meeting
 - Cristina and Nell worked on presenting the report to the school Board. They were asked at the SB meeting about being included in the conversation with the Science Curriculum next year. The School Board suggested that somehow the Sustainability Committee be involved with the science committee. The group spoke at length about how to incorporate Green Team Leaders into this process.
- B. Information about District’s paper usage.-
 - Josh shared (via Cristina) that the usage went down.
- C. Review ORSC’s Charge given by the School Board in anticipation for revised Charge from School Board for 2016-17.
 - The group will work on this in the summer/fall.
- D. List of potential initiatives to consider that align to Charge and the Green Ribbon School Pillars (special attention to Pillar 3).
- E. Thoughts-factors for showing movies with sustainable themes for 2016-17
 - * partnerships? * how many? * when? *topics?

- Cristina has an idea for a movie (farm related). The group discussed continuing the partnerships and scheduling them carefully around UNH's schedule and vacations. Community dinners? Not during November? Thursday in mid-January would be good. Cristina told the group she is not interested in organizing the movies next year.

- The group talked at length about reorganizing the chair position of the group. Nell suggested we have a co-chair position to relieve Cristina of these responsibilities. Should we divide the job differently? We should take turns representing the SC at events.

F. Discussion/Approval of Full ORSC meeting dates for 2016-17 (see dates below)

IX. Closing Actions –

-MaryEllen is interested in purchasing pollinator plants for the second grade at Mastway Gardens.

- The group is interested in having more school administrators attend our meetings. How can we make this happen?

A. Proposed full meeting dates for 2016-2017 school year. Locations to be determined.

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 7pm

Monday, November 21, 2016 at 7pm

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7pm. Snowdate: Thursday, January 26, 2017

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7pm

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7pm

B. Next Steering Meeting date: TBD

C. Agenda Items for next Full meeting Wed. September 28, 2016

* Green Ribbon Award application -

<http://www.greenribbonschools.org/earn-award.php>

* Review Charge given by the School Board for 2016-17

* Identify this year's initiatives/projects and the individuals who will focus on specific work

X. Adjournment 9:10 motion: Maggie second: Nell