

March 30th may also be an option for the Sus Club to sponsor Cindy's movie. Maggie will check to confirm that March 30th is a date that has been reserved. The movie will not be included with a Community Dinner.

The SUS club continues to be led by Lauren, Nick, and Nick. A contingency of students are "at the ready" when events take place.

D. Green Team plan for the rest of the year-

Kristin - Maple sugaring will be starting up next month. Maggie will be giving support for the classes that are visiting from Mast Way. Mast Way will let MOH know how many classrooms would like to visit.

Mast Way has decided their spring theme will be about Earth Day. An Earth Day committee will plan events for the whole school. Some ideas include: a trash free lunch, watching the movie the Lorax, and other things

The 4th grade teachers are also working with renewable energy - Maggie is working with the Durham Energy Committee in March to enrich instruction

Kristin - after the sugaring season is over work will begin on the gardens. Tracy Schroeder, ORSC member, would like to increase the number of MOH garden beds so students can be involved in harvesting. Beds near the parking lot and around the school will hopefully be built this spring. Children will be involved in the planting through their Open Learning class.

Kristin asked if soil, lumber, seeds, nails could be purchased with ORSC funds through the fund request process.

In addition to this option, the soil and lumber could be donated as has been the case in the past.

Nell mentioned that Mr. Fox will be giving 3 yards as compensation for our compost. It will go to Moharimet this year.

Kristin- A Rain Barrel building workshop will take place in spring - Community building with a cost of \$30 for each barrel built.

Other costs may be needed from ORSC funds to cover incidentals- \$200 for supplies like bits, hardware for spouts, tape etc.

Cristina's idea of having a painted rain barrel raffle will be investigated by her.

Kristin would like to include an educational instruction to support the water barrel building and instructed to each class.

Nell - ORSC Curriculum Sub-Committee- Todd worked on a 5 question survey that will be sent out to the entire staff to determine how topics of sustainability are being taught K-12 throughout the curriculum. A definition of sustainability is being created to help guide.

Nell- The new Green Team applicant may be interested in joining this sub-committee because involvement by the Green Team members is something desired by Dr. Morse.

Dennis- Foss "EcoThrow" program- the price has dropped for recycled plastics and so they are committed to finish out the year and will evaluate for next year to see if it will be fiscally possible, Dennis will contact Foss again to see if the bin can be returned to MOH after having it repaired. At Mast Way, the bottle for collecting plastic bottles is being returned to Foss Manufacturing. It is not known if the HS is still collecting plastic bottles.

3. Update from School Board Representative - Dan

Budget has been finalized and it is slightly lower than the default budget
Next year's start time is earlier so 2 buses will be added to fleet
Middle school has been identified as in significant need for major renovations.
Energy efficiency needs work. Replacement of key systems are starting to happen - it seems to be very difficult to keep on "bandaiding" the needs of the school.
Parents started to hear about the issues last Fall.

4. Discussion about Summer HS "production" gardens for 2017- Maggie will be holding a meeting in the future for next spring-summer's planting.

Cristina - given the new gardens at MOH get completed and planted maybe there is a possibility that there is need for oversight over the summer that could be included in the HS summer production gardens with additional compensation

VII. New Business

1. e-Newsletter - Cristina is starting to write this up with hope of it being e-published at the end of February.

VIII. Public Comments- None present

IX. Discussion on the efficiency and frequency of ORSC meeting dates for 2016-2017 school year.

~~Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 7pm at ORHS Library approved~~

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

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7pm

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7pm

X. Agenda items for full meeting on Jan. 25th - email to Cristina

XI. Future Steering meeting date - TBD after full meeting on Jan. 25th

XII. Closing Actions- none

XIII. Adjournment at 6:30 motion: Nell second: Dennis All approved.