

ORSC Steering Committee Minutes-draft
Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 5pm ORHS Conference Room

Present: Maggie Morrison, Nell Neal, Cristina Dolcino, Kristin Houle, Sarah Larson-Dennen, Dan Klein, Sue Caswell, Jacqueline Bruhm, Henry Herndon, Charlie Forcey,

I. Call to Order: 5:02 motion: Sarah second: Cristina

II. Welcome/Introductions - yes

III. Preliminary Actions

1. Approval of Agenda: moved item VII.2 Energize 360 up to after public comments.

motion: Sue second: Dan All approved

2. Approval of Minutes: Steering meeting Thursday, January 19, 2017

motion: Sue second: Cristina All approved

3. Correspondence/News- none

IV. Public Comments- none

V. Expenditures

1. Requests for funds- No funds requests.

Motion: Second:

VI. Old Business Quick Update and Discussion

1. Powder Major - it is believed that the necessary funds were raised

2. Update from Green Team leaders -

Mast Way- 4th graders will be taking a field trip at the end of March to the Durham Solar array to learn about renewable energy. Representatives from the Durham Energy Committee, Revision Energy, and drivers of electric cars will be activities the students will explore and learn about. An informational packet will be given to each student.

It is hoped that this program could be offered to Moharimet 4th graders either this year or next year.

Moharimet- Maple sugaring is underway with all trees tapped at Moharimet. Eight class from Mast Way came over to tap last week.

Two classrooms will be making new raised beds this spring. A meeting is taking place next week with Jacqueline, Kristin and the teachers to plan and acquire seeds from the Master Gardeners. Kristina also let us know that she will be stepping down from her Green Team position due to her need to seek more hours of employment. She has enjoyed her work in the district.

A Saturday rain barrel workshop will take place this spring using 50 gallon plastic food grade barrels.

In addition, a watering system that using wicking may also be offered at the same time by Jacqueline. Both will involve a nominal charge.

Middle School - Jacqueline has started making contacts with Joe B and the administration. She would like to make a Facebook page for sustainability events, information, and possible involvement by students in posting sustainability posts.

3. HS Sus Club Movie showing: *Great Bay: An Estuary in Peril* produced by Durham resident Cindy Jones Planning is underway with the HS students helping with Community Dinner prior to the showing and the distribution of movie flyers in the neighborhoods involved in Seacoast Reliability, an Eversource proposal to place power lines on the bottom of the Great Bay. A panel discussion will also take place after the movie.

4. Summer HS "production" gardens for 2017- The continuation of the gardens is wanted. A motion was made by Sue to pay a stipend for Christina Felix to manage the HS Summer Production Gardens for the summer. Second: Cristina All approved

Maggie is meeting with Jon B, Christina Felix, Doris, and Jacqueline next week to plan the summer growing season. Sarah asked about the possibility of other school receiving a "garden manager" support. Jacqueline will investigate the school gardens interest at the Middle School.

5. School Board Representative- Dan mentioned that he will be asking for clarification on the PTO method of sharing community information in the school community. He is interested in learning the interpretations from the School Board about the differences between promoting and supporting projects, votes, endeavors through social media, newsletters etc.

School Board meeting has been changed to the same date as ORSC's full meeting on 3/22/17.

6. 2016-17 Initiatives

A. Curriculum Sub-Committee- Survey to all District staff will be sent out very soon which asks them to identify the topics of sustainability they currently teach.

B. Educational Outreach

e-Newsletter - Cristina is still working on it. She's sorry it is late getting out. It will be sent to committee and to Dr. Morse.

Winter markets at Rollingsford and Exeter- Cristina attended both markets and got 5 more "friends of ORSC" on email list

C. Delayed school start data collection- Nell has offered to collect some data on the drop off rates at the middle and high school. This could be compared to next year's delayed start time. Other people may be need to tally the cars.

D. District department updates- none present

Discussion on the use of plastic clam shell containers, breakfast on the cart at the MS/HS, budgetary practices with child nutrition, plastic water bottles use

VII. New Business

1. NRRA- Northeast Resource Recovery Association - Team Earth Award Programs (an opportunity to be assessed and set goals)

<http://www.schoolrecycling.net/grant-fundraiser-contest/contests-challenges-awards/team-earth-awards-program/>

It was agreed to have NRRA conduct a resource "audit" in each school. This data will show what each school is doing well and to what extent gaps exist.

2. Energize 360 event, Charlie Forcey, Seacoast Regional Energy Hub-

Charlie Forcey, Durham Energy Committee, and Henry Herndon, a UNH graduate student in Natural Resources, presented information about the Energizer 360 event planned for Durham on 3/30 7-9pm at the ORHS.

At this event Seacoast Regional Energy Hub, Revision Energy, and Yankee Thermal Imaging will present information to help lower energy use, energy cost, and transition to clean energy. The three aspects include: measure energy use, reduce energy, and renew to renewable energy.

Citizens are invited to attend to learn, talk with professionals, and inquire about how to start the process. Over the next several months other towns will also be holding Energize 360 events in the Seacoast Regional Energy Hub area.

ORSC will display the tri-fold at the event on the 30th. Additional collaborations are possible in the future.

3. Future planning... summer, preparation for next year

Vermont Feed Summer Institute, Shelburne, VT <http://vtfeed.org/farm-school-institute>

Opportunity seems very intriguing but since the extended deadline for the application is on Monday it doesn't seem feasible to apply this year. Cristina will inquire on the importance of the reduced-free lunch data and the NH schools who have attended. We can consider completing an application next year.

VIII. Public Comments- none

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 at ORHS room 120

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7pm at ORHS room 120

X. Agenda items for full meeting on March 22 - Green Team application process for position next Fall.

XI. Future Steering meeting date - TBD

XII. Closing Actions- none

XIII. Adjournment at 6:33pm motion: Cristina second: Sarah

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