

## ORCSD

### Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes - draft

Tuesday January 16, 2018, 7pm

Oyster River High School Conference Room 120

Present: Sarah Larson-Dennen, Maggie Morrison, Jacqueline Bruhn, Shelley Mitchell, Susan Caswell, Nell Neal, Barry Kaplan, Cristina Dolcino, Jim Rozycki, Brian Cisneros

Regrets: Tracy Schroeder, Mary Ellen Webb, John Carroll, Lisa Huppe, Doris Demers

1. Call to order: Motion: Barry, second Shelley 7:03pm, all approve.
2. Motion to approve agenda as written: Motion Shelley, second Barry, all approve.
3. Minutes from September 27th reviewed. Shelley's name misspelled.  
Motion to approve with edits: Sue, second Sarah, all approve.
4. Discuss Advisory Recommendation on single use plastic water bottles.
  - Jacqueline explained how School Resources Working group met twice and came up with recommendation. Lisa, Doris, Jim, John Carroll and Brian attended those meetings.
  - Cristina expressed frustration about elementary schools making changes and not MS and HS
  - Shelley expressed that we need to add background/history and justification. Need to include OR commitment to sustainability. Also need significantly more financial data. Brian agreed on financials needed.
  - Various members agreed with the strategy to start small
  - Brian suggested adding one year review/actual financial impact
  - Other ideas included redemption for plastic bottles to improve recycling at HS.Motion: Shelley made the motion to move forward with advisory recommendation for single use plastic water bottles with the recommendation that draft 1 be worked into draft 2 which will include the suggestions and advice offered. This will be emailed to group so this can get on school board agenda in early March and implemented by Earth Day. Barry second, all approve.  
Action: Jacqueline will send draft 2 by email to the committee for their review and approval.
5. Discuss Advisory Recommendation for propane buses
  - Need to add background and justification.
  - Questions around how full busses are? Consensus that busses are very full as we are down one bus driver/route.
  - Discussion about using school busses as transit busses.
  - Edit guidance #3 to assisting Transportation director with this task.
  - Add references to the statements made in reasoning section particularly with regard to statements on impacts of hydraulic fracturing.Motion: Barry made the motion to incorporate the suggestions made into draft 2 and circulate that draft to the group for review. Jim second, all approve.  
discussion - add references — passed  
Action: Jacqueline will send draft 2 by email to the committee for their review and approval
6. Budget
  - Sue updated the group on the Sustainability budget. Currently \$1831.43 available.
7. Green School Conference and Expo
  - Maggie and Jacqueline discussed the possibility of attending this conference in Colorado that is not currently in our budget. Committee favors the idea of professional development for Sustainability Coordinators but need an estimate of actual cost.

Action: Maggie and Jacqueline will email committee members the conference, travel and meal expenses for the committee's review and action.

#### 8. District Strategic Planning Process

- Sue discussed the forming of the different focus groups for the next phase of strategic planning for the district. The broad focus groups will be meeting in February and invitations have gone out. Committee gave Sue additional names of people to invite. Shelley and Jacqueline have received invitations to the community group.

Action: Committee members asked to email Sue with names of parents who have a sustainability background for an invitation to the community focus group.

#### 9. Program updates

- Plastic Ocean movie with possible discussion group. Might be able to find more parents if small groups vs being on stage
- Signature field experiences have been ongoing. 2nd graders Mast Way went to hydroponic greenhouses, Moharimet will be going April or May. Jonathan Ebba, UNH green house manager, is a great partner. Through this field trip have started building relationships with elementary school parents who are in the sustainability field at UNH. Plan is to bring them into the field experience as experts. Solar field experience will be taking place for Mast Way and Moharimet 4th grades. Considering options for 5th, 3rd and K/1st.
- Curriculum working group: decisions made to put things on hold to wait for science committees to sort out new NGSS. 3 teachers from SAC on science committee so sustainability well represented.
- MS STEC active and working on fundraising to build a compost bin, celebrate earth day and continue to raise awareness at MS.
- HS Sus Club wanting to do TOLD event but needed to do smaller audit. Presented results to Facilities, Mark Milliken, Maggie, Jacqueline. 50% of waste is food waste. Discussion to focus on senior core food waste bins as well as cafeteria trash challenges. Sus Club students working on plan.

#### 10. SAC Correspondence

- Group agreed that emails or letters from the community regarding Sustainability Advisory Committee actions should be reviewed between coordinators and Sue for appropriate action.

#### 11. New business

- Excellent article in UNH alumni magazine highlight ORCSD relationship with Thompson School Greenhouse to grow and supply vegetables to school.

12. Motion to adjourn at 8:34 by Jim, second Shelley, all approve.

These are my notes from this discussion - will be deleted in draft we send out:

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#### 1. Discussion Advisory Recommendation

1. around water bottle issue - Doris budget, recycling, Mast Way no plastic cups so using compostable cone cups and have a water cooler at great start add justification maybe HS//MS should have their water bottles taken away rather than focusing on Elem school, review, what is commitment to sustainability, should more money go into sustainability, maybe this is a way to start changes, redemption for recalling plastic water bottles -