

2019-2020 VISION: To deepen the culture of sustainability within ORCSD

Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) Minutes
Wednesday, September 18, 2019 5:00 - 7:00 pm
High School Conference Room

Meeting called to order: 5:05 pm

Attending: Maggie Morrison, Sue Caswell, Jim Rozycki, Doris Demers, Cristina Dolcino, Sarah Larson-Dennen, Al Howland, Nell Neal, Barry Kaplan, John Carroll, Julie Kelley, Laura Slama

A welcome was extended to new committee members, Julie Kelley, parent representative and Laura Slama, ORHS sophomore and student representative

Motion: Mary Ellen Webb motioned to accept 5/29/19 minutes; Sue Caswell seconded. Minutes unanimously approved with corrections

2018-2019 Expenses: Sue Caswell reported that the bulk of the 2018/19 operating budget went to pay for 3 UNH interns.

Updates from the Summer: Maggie attended 6/28/19 Granite State Clean Cities Coalition Meeting in Dover. Demonstration of electric transit bus was focus. Technology is advancing but cost is still prohibitive.

Justin Klinger, UNH Transportation intern made final presentation to school board on 8/7/19. Justin collected and analyzed bus maintenance costs creating a baseline that can be useful for future decision making should the Board want to pursue future transportation alternatives.

Final Strategic Plan: 5 year plan recognizes that to get into the curriculum regarding sustainability it needs to be through a teacher position. By 2021/2022 goal is to have a teacher leader in each school serving as educator for sustainability (EfS). Teachers have stepped forward to be on this committee: Michelle Martin, Sarah O'Brien, Diana Pelletier, Judy George, Jon Bromley, Sarah Cathey and Sarah Larson-Dennen. Tom Higginbotham, UNH Education Department faculty member who helps to "unpack" science standards, OR parent, past principal is also serving on committee as a resource. Todd Allen facilitated a professional development meeting with group on August 22, 2019.

In year two of strategic plan (2020-2021) Sustainability Coordinator position will transition to Sustainability Integrator position, mainly focused on supporting the operations side of the District.

Theme for the year is defining and measuring single use plastic District wide. Cycle 1 (2019-20) what is single use plastic? Audit of our use. This will be student led work. Jon Bromley's Environmental Science class will help to define and audit every school. Data will be collected. Social behavioral change is foundation. Students are invested in using social media to educate. Work of defining and auditing is done by students. Vision is to have community forums with student presentations at the end of the year to share results. Cycle 2 (2020-21) what do we do about it?

Discussion of SAC Work Plan for AY 2019-20:

- Develop recommendations for FY 2020-2021 for ORCSD Budget
- Review of Sustainability Policy and Procedure
- Review responsibilities of SAC and Sustainability Coordinator

Job description updated and passed by School Board in September. Reminder that sharing information and educating members of the Board needs to be everyone's responsibility. Al shared that sustainability is not an "add-on" it is integrated into the District. Important to support Coordinators' efforts to the school board. Al, as school board representative is charged with bringing information back to the school board. Relative to single use plastic, Al reminded us of the \$60,000 a year revenue from the sales of single use plastic which is tied to the Food Nutrition budget.

Jim R., asked that an UNH intern be hired in the spring to update the Ecological Footprint report.

Working Groups:

- Parent Outreach - educate parent population throughout the year on this year's goals, objectives and action plans: *Julie Kelley*. Group is having its first meeting 9/23. 4 parents for HS, 2 from other schools have been recruited.
- Community Outreach - keep District towns informed throughout the year on this year's goals, objectives and action plans. *Nell Neal and Barry Kaplan*. Could we return to utilizing community dinners as a vehicle to do outreach and educational presentation. Need to get a Lee representative on committee. Invite other town community partners to SAC's February meeting to encourage intersection. Spring is a good time for sharing out because its goal setting time.
- Scholarship/Awards - Liaison with HS Counseling, HS faculty and community partners to solicit donations, review applications and select award recipients. *Julie Kelley*
- Budget Recommendations - develop recommendations for ORCSD budget to support sustainability *Al Howland*
- Internships - assist in the review of applications and hiring process *Shelley Mitchell and Jim Rozycki*
- Policy and Procedure - review and update for school board approval *Cristina Dolcino*

Future meetings:

- November 6
- February 5 (community partner meeting) Snow Date: February 19
- May 6

Motion for Adjournment; Mary Ellen Webb, seconded by Shelley Mitchell.

Meeting adjourned 6:19 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cristina Dolcino