

**FARM TO SCHOOL MEETING, 22 AUG 2006, 3-4:30 PM, 9R Admin Bldg**

ATTENDING: Beth LaShell, Krista Garand, Kim Cotta, Marcus Renner, Katy Pepinsky, Jaynee Fontecchio-Spradling, Sherri Wormser, Jim Dyer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Marcus reported that the Ft Lewis College greenhouse should be erected this Saturday; the go ahead has been given for their garden expansion; the composter should be up and running very soon; Cameron Clarkson is the new Sodexo rep at the college; the Sodexo contract won't be up for renewal for at least two more years; and he hopes to hire students for the Farm to College program.

Katy reminded all about the Food Assessment Forum on 30 August at the San Juan Basin Research Station in Hesperus. All are welcome -- contact Katy at 375-7705 for info.

Jaynee handed out a Wellness Checklist that includes food from local farms and ranches as an objective.

Sherri announced the 15 Sept open house at her new cooking school, Healthy Fusion. Contact Sherri at 259-9233 for details.

Jim reported that CSU is surveying all CO schools about their food service including any farm to school activities.

**9R REPORT:**

Kim will be leaving her position on 8 Sept, and she introduced Krista Garand who is the Acting Food Service Director. Welcome to Krista and a hearty thank you to Kim for her wonderful support of Farm to School.

**ALL-STAFF BREAKFAST:** Kim and Jaynee reported that the 16 Aug All-Staff Breakfast, which featured local food, went very well. Kim was able to include flour from Blue Horizons, fruit from Turtle Lake, and pork from Sunnyside Meats. Thanks to these producers and to Kim and her staff for making this happen.

We were not able to get the local tortillas since they had a bad batch of flour that day, nor eggs due to a refrigeration malfunction at the farm, nor tomatoes (many tomatoes are late this year). We agreed that we should have next year's All Staff Breakfast planned by May before school is out, including the food suppliers and back-ups.

**FOOD THIS COMING SCHOOL YEAR:** Food service has two unexpected budget questions arise which will not allow them to consider purchasing local food until they are resolved, which hopefully will be soon. This, coupled with the fact that Krista is just

starting as Acting Director means that 9R will not do the Colorado Proud meal as planned for mid Sept. The salad bar program with Katrina may be delayed in starting as well.

**PLANNING LOCAL FOOD PURCHASES:** Krista explained that they set their menu for the school year the previous January, so that we should have plans for local food purchases ideally ready by that time. This means that we should have our plans in place and hopefully have producers meet with 9R before January.

**SPRING PUBLIC EVENT:** Marcus asked for thoughts on the objectives for a community organizing/educational event around local food, agr, and farm to school next Spring. The outreach committee will be working on that in their next meeting, 29 Aug, 3-4:30 PM. Contact Marcus at <[mvrenner@yahoo.com](mailto:mvrenner@yahoo.com)> for location -- all are invited.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be 3-4:30 Wed, 27 Sept most likely at the 9R Admin Bldg, but the location will be announced.

Thanks

Jim