

FOOD, AGR, & FARM TO SCHOOL MEETING, 24 June 2008, 3:30-5:00 PM
Children's House of Durango School

ATTENDING: Linda Herz, Alicia Zepeda, Darrin Parmenter, Anne Sheldon, Krista Garand, Jason Cole, Marje Cristol, Pat Hauschild, Linda Ilsley, Jim Dyer

CHILDREN'S HOUSE OVERVIEW: Director Alicia Zepeda explained the program that serves 3-6 year old children, and includes family style meals made essentially from scratch on a very economical budget. The meals are not rushed – usually 30-60 minutes. They offer about 30 different vegetarian options (primarily due to cost of meats), and plan their meals about two weeks ahead. We toured the garden as well. Alicia is very open to using local foods for meals and snacks.

We discussed how this sort of attention to the quality of the food and the dining experience could be replicated elsewhere. Alicia is willing to provide some details so we can develop a case study for others to consider.

REPORTS:

Jason has started broccoli specifically for 9R next year. He should have a good apple crop this year starting around mid August.

Linda announced plans for local food meals as “Meet the Farmer” networking events throughout the summer as a way to connect producers and customers. A July 4th cheeseburger special event is planned at her restaurant – publicity is well underway. She also received an offer from “The Point” radio station to feature producers on morning interviews in July.

Pat reported for the Srn Ute Academy – the children are gone, but the gardens are growing. They will be giving a presentation in Feb. to the Ntl Montessori group on their program.

9R REPORT: Krista is planning the All-Staff Breakfast for 13 August featuring local products for about 600 staff. She will be contacting producers for items, and will let us know what further products she needs.

Krista provided us with an approximate draft breakdown of last year's local purchases. This list doesn't include everything, but does include most of the produce except apples from Jason.

2007-08 approx. Farm to School Purchases

Producer	Amount	Product
Jason Cole	70 lbs	Squash
	155 lbs	Tomatoes
	76 lbs	Broccoli
	12 lbs	Sausage
	??	Apples
Turtle Lake Refuge	240 lbs	Mung Beans
	240 lbs	Micro Greens
RAS Farms	50 lbs	Yukon Golds
	5 lbs	Mixed Greens

Farm Fresh Direct	800 lbs	Potatoes
	(50 lbs boxes) 850 lbs	Potatoes
Gardens at James Ranch	80 lbs	Carrots

Krista has submitted a proposal to the state for Sunnyside School under the Federal Fruit and Vegetable program.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES:

The Healthy Local Foods group has taken out three ads in next year's 9R School menu calendar.

Darrin reported on plans for the Iron Chef event at the Durango Farmers Market on 23 August.

The Wednesday Farmers Market at the Smiley Bldg started on 25 June.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is planned for 5 August 3:30-5PM at Marje Cristol's farm just north of Durango. Details will be sent before the meeting.

Remember — all FTS minutes and other FTS and local food info is at www.sustainableSWcolorado.org

We are also appending below the **Resources List** from the bottom of our meeting agenda. This list is updated on each new agenda with new resources as they become available.

Thanks to you all

Jim Dyer

Resources (newest items in bold)

- **Mary Barter's 9 Apr article:** http://durangoherald.com/asp-bin/article_generation.asp?article_type=edu&article_path=E:/sites/durangoherald.com/education/08/edu080409_2.htm
- Children's House article, 6 Feb 2008: http://www.durangoherald.com/asp-bin/printable_article_generation.asp?article_path=/food/food080206_1.htm
- EWG "Pesticides in Produce" guide: <http://www.foodnews.org/walletguide.php>
- Mesa Verde Guide to Local Food Initiatives: www.sustainableSWcolorado.org/mvinitiatives.htm
- 10/11/07 Telegraph article: <http://durangotelegraph.com/telegraph.php?inc=/07-10-11/coverstory.htm>
- Procurement Information Package on CFSC at <http://www.foodsecurity.org/procurement.html>
- Sustainability Alliance — SASCO: www.sustainableSWcolorado.org
- 9R School Wellness Teams contact person: Linda Herz lherz@durango.k12.co.us
- National Farm to School Program: www.farmtoschool.org
- Center for Ecoliteracy: www.ecoliteracy.org
- National Farm to College website: www.farmtocollege.org

- 7/7/05 Article: <http://www.durangotelegraph.com/telegraph.php?inc=/05-07-07/coverstory.htm>
- Colorado Policy Working Group: <http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/boulder/AG/FAP.shtml>
- Community Food Security Coalition: www.foodsecurity.org
- SWMN — Southwest Marketing Network: www.swmarketingnetwork.org
- ATTRA — Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas: www.attra.ncat.org
- Mesa Verde Guide to Local Food & Fiber: www.sustainableSWcolorado.org