

FOOD, AGR, & FARM TO SCHOOL MEETING, 15 Oct 2008, 4:00-5:30 PM
Southern Ute Academy, Ignacio

ATTENDING: Carol Baker Olguin, Tamara Brand, Judi Cole, Pat Hauschild, Linda Daniel, Sharon Orr, Linda Schwinghammer, Jaynee Fontencio, Ann Peck, Kaelen Peuser, Darcy Craig, Katrina Blair, Rob Anderson, Pam O'Donnell, Zabrina Medigovich, Sean Ruggles, Gabe Eggers, Jason Cole, Judith Johnson, Wendy Rice, Shari Fitzgerald, Marye Jackson, Linda Herz, Darrin Parmenter, Krista Garand, Julie Hudak, Jenny Wrenn, Jeanine Justice, Jim Dyer

SOUTHERN UTE PROGRAM

Linda Daniel gave an over view of the Montessori program at the Academy including their garden plots and geodesic dome greenhouse that participants toured before the meeting. We then were treated to a meal featuring bison burgers, rolls from Kim at Ignacio schools, salad from Turtle Lake, and watermelon from La Boca Farms. A big thanks to the Academy for their hospitality and to all the food providers.

REPORTS:

Krista reported on the local products they have used lately including a few hundred heads of lettuce, tomatoes, broccoli, locally-made tortillas, and of course the local beef.

Darrin outlined the Beginning Farmers course he has planned for this winter, and the growing Master gardener program.

Gabe explained that La Boca will be diversifying their markets next year with emphasis on a CSA. They have a butchering workshop scheduled on 25 Oct – call 563-9383 or see www.labocacenter.org for details.

Sean, of 9R Public Info Office, described the profiles they are developing of the producers providing Farm to School products.

Katrina announced that Turtle Lake is producing compost tea to be applied to the Brookside chemical-free park this Fall as a natural fertilizer.

Pam and Kaelen of FLC Environmental Center gave a report on their work with the Community Connections greenhouse and the FLC greenhouse, on contract negotiations with Sodexo for FLC food service, and the Sustainability Action Plan.

Sean and Sabrina shared their interest in helping with local food distribution.

Jim handed out the revised FTS one-page flyer which will be posted on the SASCO FTS web page (see last link at the end of these minutes) and the recent Denver Post Food Page article mentioning Durango (first link in the list below). He recounted plans developed with the County's Living with Wildlife Advisory Board on wild-life friendly farming outreach for next year.

Thanks to Linda and Jaynee, we now have a contact person, or FTS Liaison, for each 9R school to help with communication and coordination. Linda Schwinghammer, the Escalante Liaison, was introduced.

STATE FTS PROGRAM NEEDS: Jim is in discussion with state groups on developing a statewide FTS program with a focus on media, info services, networking, technical assistance, and policy development. He asked for people to send him thoughts on how they felt a statewide program could help programs on a local level.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES UPDATE:

The Homegrown Festival is this Sunday at Buckley Park – see details in local newspapers.

The Buy Local coupon book effort is progressing very well.

Julie has entered the Mesa Verde Guide to local producers into a prototype database designed to become a monthly or even weekly availability list.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is planned for 12 November from 3:30-5 with the location to be determined. 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)

- **Fresh Ideas in the Lunchroom: Denver Post, 10/1/09:**
http://www.denverpost.com/lifestyles/ci_10593581
- Herald's 22 Aug 2008 Editorial on Durango Farm to School: http://www.durangoherald.com/asp-bin/article_generation.asp?article_type=opin&article_path=/opinion/opin080822_1.htm
- Herald's 21 Aug 2008 Good Earth article: http://www.durangoherald.com/asp-bin/article_generation.asp?article_type=earth&article_path=/earth/08/earth080821_1.htm
- CitySpan show including FTS: <http://www.durangogov.org/cityspan10/tott/index.cfm>
- LA Times mention of Durango: <http://www.latimes.com/features/health/medicine/la-na-lunch23-2008jun23,0,3503416.story>
- Mary Barter's 9 Apr 2008 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
- 10/11/07 Telegraph article: <http://durangotelegraph.com/telegraph.php?inc=/07-10-11/coverstory.htm>

- 7/7/05 Article: <http://www.durangotelegraph.com/telegraph.php?inc=/05-07-07/coverstory.htm>
 - 9R School Wellness Teams contact person: Linda Herz lherz@durango.k12.co.us
 - National Farm to School Program: www.farmtoschool.org
 - SWMN — Southwest Marketing Network: www.swmarketingnetwork.org
 - Mesa Verde Guide to Local Food & Fiber: www.sustainableSWcolorado.org
 - **ALL LOCAL FTS INFO** at Sustainability Alliance — SASCO:
www.sustainableSWcolorado.org
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