



Meeting 8 - July 15, 2010

Friends of the Earth - 1100 Massachusetts Ave. NW (11th Floor)

In Attendance:

Andrea Northup, DC F2S Coordinator
Katherine Bryant, DC F2S Intern
Rachel, Child & Maternal Health
Stephanie Tocco, Teach for America, District Heights Elementary (MD)
Caitlin Sheedy, Project Health
Candida DeLuise, Cities at Peace
Cara Engel, Masters Student/Counsellor
Deborah Marchant, National Congress of American Indians, F2S in Native Communities
Arthur Getz, Heifer International, Local Food Systems Policy
Marjorie Share, DC F2S Advisory Board, Independent Consultant (Educational)
Brian Turnbaugh, Policy Interests
Alexandra Mitson, Chartwells
Susan Warner, DCF2S Volunteer, Independent Consultant

Ed Bruske, Kitchen Gardener, The Slow Cook, Parents for Better DC School Food
Brenna Holzauer, Earth Day Network, DC Schoolyard Greening
Emily Gustafson-Wright, Janney Elementary, Healthy Foods Project
Tracey Lloyd McCurdy, Rural Coalition, Community Council for Ward 7
Chris dePaur, Rural Coalition
Sarah Bernardi, DC Greens
Geoffrey Beeloe, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools
Kathryn Warnes, Slow Food DC
Rachel Arculin, AMCHP
Jessica Swift, Nutrition Inc.
Rian Hayes, DCPS Food Services
Paula Reichel, DCPS Food Services
Sarah Fisher, Catholic Charities
Donne Malloy, Metro Green Markets

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Meeting outline:

- Basic overview of the D.C. Farm to School Network
- How does school food in DC work?
- Recent successes and initiatives
- Events and projects coming up
- Recap of Local Flavor Week - September 2009
 - Goals
 - Planning Team and Planning Process
 - Events planned
 - Logistics
 - Challenges/Successes/Lessons Learned
- Planning for Farm to School/School Garden Week - **OCTOBER 11-15, 2010**

Notes from discussions not captured in slides:

- 1) Potential goals for Farm to School/School Garden Week

- Meaningful farm to school experience - have every DC schoolchild visit a garden/farm, pick fruit or veggies, prepare them (with a chef) and then EAT them
- Involve chefs; great role models, kids respond well to them
- Relate to long-term advocacy goals of the Network in general
- Beyond building awareness and enthusiasm - build supply and demand
- Increase fruit and vegetable Literacy
- Focus on teaching cooking skills (Common Threads)

2) Who/what we'll partner/coordinate with

- School Garden Week (DC Schoolyard Greening)
 - Highlight Gardens at Schools, Native Plants, Habitat Gardens
 - Kick-off Event, Photo Contest, Workshops, Volunteer Workday,
 - Garden Tours, Film Screening
- National School Lunch Week (Wednesday= Perfect Lunch Day)
- Chefs Move to Schools (Register for a school chef!)
- Michelle Obama's greater Let's Move campaign
- Healthy Schools Act implementation
- DC Junior Iron Chef (or maybe follow up with that in the spring)
- Minority farmers and chefs
- Partner with Museums (Anacostia)
- More focus on partners and schools in Wards 7 and 8