

**Farm-to-School Connection team**  
**Outreach Sub-committee meeting notes 3/1/07**

**ACTION ITEMS are underlined, bold, and blue – look for your name.**

Agenda:

**10:00 introductions**

Attending: Alison, Sylvia, Sue, Elise, Amy, Megan

**Updates**

Tim will be working with the Policy Committee from now on but will continue with keeping up the Factoids Blog.

Web resources:

Cornell web site [www.farmentoschool.cce.cornell.edu/resources/relatedresources](http://www.farmentoschool.cce.cornell.edu/resources/relatedresources)

[www.changingworld.org](http://www.changingworld.org) click on food and farming

10:20 “The wheel” (as in not reinventing it) – making information accessible to parents and others who want it. This is the main purpose of the outreach committee.

- Tiana (Orca School) is creating a notebook for teachers that is garden focused. Elise will check to see if she needs help with EALR alignment.
- Gretchen Colonius has a resource manual she will bring to the next meeting.
- Perhaps only put things on internet that are timeless so they don't have to be updated.

**Toolkit**

Toolkit could be a collection of pdfs that people can print.

Contents

**1. Information, resources, and practical tips**

How is information organized?

- Resources to go to (web links).
- Practical tips.
- Organize by topic – gardens, nutrition, farms, curricula

Could be printed and sold for the cost of printing. Elise hopes to work with a marketing person to design a good display/presentation of the materials.

How to approach schools about nutrition education/improvements? Going to the principal is key. Anita Finch would be in support of this tool kit. Wendy Weyer, and Kirsten Frandsen as well.

**2. Speakers Bureau lists**

- **SUE will put out a query to the email list for suggestions and put together a list** of potential speakers including farmers, chefs, nutritionists, etc. **ALISON will help supply list of chefs**
- Audiences – PTA, classes, parents, churches, etc.

**3. Catalog of newsletter articles** of 150 words or less for use in newsletters or other correspondence.

**MEGAN will interview Annette Boe**, cook for one of three UW childcare centers UW Childcare Center at Radford Court.

- Seattle Schools Nutrition Ed Subcommittee is collecting nutrition related articles.

**ELISE will ask about the possibility of using these for the Toolkit.**

#### **4. Other items to be identified**

**ELISE** will create an outline for the toolkit and share it with everyone.

#### **Getting the word out about the F2S meetings**

- **AMY** will draft blurb to be sent to SPS district for approval to send to schools re information about team meeting and web resources – Reported that this is done. Amy suggested she could include it in the regular teacher communication that goes out periodically.

March 20 – Seattle Tilth is doing a training about planting school gardens. They put flier in distribution to teachers. Contact Gretchen Dedecker [Gdedecker@seattleschools.org](mailto:Gdedecker@seattleschools.org)

#### **Next meeting**

Thursday, April 12, Noon – 1:00 pm, Cloud City Coffee