



Work Group Updates February, 2010

- **NE Iowa Food & Farm (NIFF) Coalition- Teresa Wiemerslage & Eric Nordschow**
 - Working on the process for the Mini-Producer grants. (Revising criteria, contacting local partners).
 - Will be receiving \$3000 from RFSWG
 - Continue to work on the Regional Food Safety grant
 - Buy Fresh Buy Local membership renewal in March
 - Sodexo/Luther continues to work through their local food policies.
 - March 5: Women Adding Value to Agriculture Conference
 - March 18: Driftless Region Local Food System meeting, 10 am- 4 pm, Prairie du Chien.
 - March 23: Selling at Farmers Markets Workshop
 - March 23: Food procurement meeting with school food service
- **Farm To School Update – Flannery Cerbin and Rachel Wobeter**
 - May 17-19: Farm to Cafeteria Conference, Detroit
 - All six pilot schools have completed the Cross age teacher training.
 - Feb 25: Training for teachers of grades 1-3. Lead by Luther College and AEA. 15 teachers registered.
 - Jan 15: Food service director's meeting on use of local foods. Identified local food most interested in.
 - Follow-up meeting on March 23.
 - ServSafe (8 hours) for food service director's. Great engagement tool. 13 participated and are now certified for 5 years.
 - SafeFood training for other staff (2 hours). 28 participated.
 - Working on a preservation workshop this summer with N. Winn school.
 - School garden meetings (Turkey Valley, Postville)
 - Every second grade classroom got a mini-mato plant from Plantpeddler.
- **School – Sue Burrack**
 - Rescheduled School WG meeting for March 9 in Decorah.
 - Let's Move campaign
- **Youth – Lynette Anderson & youth**
 - Engaging Youth Training in Washington DC. Stranded in the snow storm for 2 extra days. Participated in Youth/Adult Partnership training
 - N. Fayette school had a youth team meeting
 - Waukon Find-out meeting scheduled.
- **Active Living – Scot Michelson and Lindsay Erdmann**
 - Workshop on Feb 2. 45 people attended from 6 pilot schools. Check out the website for photos and notes.
- **Community Health – Haleisa Johnson & Lori Egan**
 - Meeting as large group on March 16 in West Union.
- **NE Iowa Funders - MJ Smith**
 - Next meeting, April 1
 - Applied for funding from all the community foundations

- Working on the application criteria for the fund.

County Updates - County Team Leaders

- What went well? What can we improve? Action items? Who else do we need to engage?
 - Allamakee - Dani & Mary & Angie Gibbs. Great youth participation at last meeting. City councilman present.
 - Chickasaw - Joanne Tupper & Laurie Mazolf. Went well. Glad for help from other Regional Team members.
 - Clayton - McKenzie & Dan. One youth and Troy Lentell from Central. Do a mileage club and do a contest between schools in region.
 - Fayette - Donna & Joe. N. Fayette team asked for volunteers to help with walk to do a walk to school event with the bus kids.
 - Howard - Laura & Elaine. Used a panel discussion for SRTS project and that worked well. Looking at doing a bike safety event in Cresco.
 - Winneshiek - Rick & Brandon. Lower turnout (Ash Wednesday).
 - Postville - Mary Koopman. Will be focusing on the community and school garden.