

Burlington Food Council
Minutes, February 8 2010

Present: Juliet Halloran (Campus Kitchen), Sarah Heim (CK), Meg Klepack (City Market), Zack Pinerio (Pop Cycle), William Rob (Pop Cycle), Joyce Cellars (Intervale Cener), Lynn Wolfe (Pop Cycle), Kathy Chasan (BSD, School Board), Carrine McLane (BACG), Jessica Hyman (UVM Center for Rural Studies), Nancy Kaplan (City Council), Julian Post (Intervale/UVM), Bobby Young (BSD), Julie Cole (FAHC), Jennifer Green (Legacy Project).

Facilitator and notetaker: Jennifer Green (Legacy). Mandy stuck in DC due to severe winter weather

Presenter: Bobby Young, Farm to School Coordinator, BSD

1. Introductions: 15 in attendance, representing 7 agencies/institutions
2. Updates:

Grants – GMCR, USDA – Jennifer and Bobby briefed the group on the GMCR award including current discussions on fund allocation

Michelle Obama – Letter of invitation, signed by various partners around the room, was sent to Michelle Obama, in the hopes of a summer visit

UVM Social marketing class --- a Community Development and Applied Economics group will work with Mandy and other involved in FC to help update the site and market the group

Central Vermont Food Council – contacted Mandy in the hopes of working together and sharing lessons learned on upcoming initiatives.

Guest speakers for June: The group brainstormed on potential speakers and topics for next FC meetings, including:

- 2-1-2 (social service outreach phone line) to learn about the volume and number of calls coming in for food-security related assistance and information (Kathy Chasan).
- Jan Riordan, Executive Director, GBYMCA to discuss the new Smart Meals Program
- A suggestion was made to connect to other FFL programming (such as the garden tools program) and to exchange ideas on relevant topics and speakers that could be hosted together).
- Association of African Living in Vermont and their work with the Intervale Center;

- Grain Growers Association (and Randy George and Jack Laser in particular);
- Representatives from the Sustainability Academy at Barnes (for a recap and analysis of the first school year);
- Supply Chain manager at Black River Produce;
- Parks and Recreation Director Mari Steinbach and staff member Lisa Coven about the gardening program;
- State Food Security and rural food access and security.

3. Presenter Bobby Young, Farm to School Coordinator:

(Attached please find a pp of Bobby's presentation. Highlights of his discussion found below):

- Working to transform the school-food connection in Burlington
- BSFP: 3,600 students in BSD
- 5,000 meals/day
- 40% Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL)
- centralized production in HS
- roasted roots being tested
- \$120,000 spent annually on local food
- 2 bakeries – Red Hen and O'Bread – providing artisan bread
- 2 largest players – Koffee Kup Bakery and Champlain Orchards
- 40% of the food produced/consumed from NE region
- Lunch for Dinner – 400 people at event, Hunt Middle School,