



Fayette County Team 2/25/10

The Fayette County Team met on 2/25/10 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the Fayette County Extension office meeting room, Fayette, Iowa. There were nine people present: Rich Witt, Kaylee Michelson, Maureen Johnson, Brenda James, Sue Burrack, Dave Runyon, Donna Story, Joe Organist, Michele Kelly.

Introduction Activity Responses:

All but one indicated outdoors play being favorite memory. One said reading outdoors was a favorite memory. Playing 'Red Rover' all day brought a discussion of the rules of the game. Almost all attendees contributed to the recall of the rules. Other summer activities were bike riding, neighborhood sand lot ball games with sizes varying from 3 to 20, and playing in woods. Winter sports were sledding and ice-skating. Most of the attendees identified where they grew up because of the influence of their home location to the outdoor play. Two members discovered they were from the same large Wisconsin town.

Old Business & Reports: none

Summary of program and discussion:

The Mark Fenton DVD did not have sound. The group discussed barriers to kids being outdoors in today's society.

1. Both parents working and concerned about being further away from the children's play environment.
2. The current recession was credited with being back a simpler lifestyle.
3. Media blitz about any child abduction anywhere.

Discussion of the three P's for system change with praise of Michelle Obama "Let's Move" initiative.

Discussion of alternative foods for concession stands. Sliced apples keep for approximately 2 weeks when cut and placed in a 'sealer' and refrigerated.

Discussion of Independence Iowa Farm to School program featured on TV.

Discussion of ways to get all stakeholders together – food service activities given as an example.

Action items for next meeting:

Request from North Fayette to help plan a "walk most of the way to school" for elementary students. The idea is to have the last bus the children ride drop children about 1 mile from school and form a 'walking school bus' with adult supervision to walk the rest of the way to school. They requested help with the planning and implementation stages. Volunteers may call Brenda James at North Fayette Schools.

Items for the next meeting's agenda: Farm to School pilots

Submitted by: Donna Story