



Postville Team March 25, 2010

The Postville Team met on March 25, 2010 at 4 P.M. at the Postville High School. There were 21 people present: Mike Minikwu, Cindy Shogren, Maryn Olson, Johnice Cross, David Cavagnaro, Cici Mueller, Judy Egeland, Ann Mansfield, Flannery Cerbin, Rachael Wobeter, Nick Zurcher, Mary Koopman, Eduardo Gonzelas, Daniel Koenig, Joe Gordon, Cecilia (last names will be added), Jennifer, Kelsey, Kimberly, Erik, Majory.

Introduction Activity Responses:

Give your name, grade(?), and say what is your favorite food. Jennifer--masked potatoes Kelsey--not sure Katherine-pizza Eric--fruit Margaruite Eduardo--lasagna Daniel--McDonald's Joe--kiwis Cecilia--not sure Cindy--corn on the cob Mary K--tomatoes and corn on the cob Judy E--cucumbers Flannery--humus and pits, Rachael--red peppers, Maryn O--all fruits

Old Business & Reports:

Identification of and meeting with stakeholders: Judy Egeland (Diversity); Barb Headington(Literacy) not present; Maryn Olson (Response Coalition); Mike Minikwu (Project Venture); Cindy Shogren (After School Program); Judy Egeland, Clara and Dennis Lensing, Cici Mueller, Mary Kay Winke (all Master Gardeners).

Summary of program and discussion:

With the students: David Cavagnaro described the seeds he had brought. All of the seeds are from the New Americas but all originated from Mexico and Central America. With the mixed beans, he suggested the students take them home and try to plant them. They could be used for projects, etc.

David discussed with the students the kinds of things to plant in the garden: cucumbers, radishes, broccoli, squash--Guatemala Blue, tomatoe--Mexican midget, clumbinb beans--Guatemalen runner beans. They discussed a planting calender. David brought some old seed catalogs for everyone to look through and pick out what vegetables to plant. The students delighted in making a planting collage. David would bring supplies for the teepees for the pole beans, plant seeds, etc. Judy Egeland has made arrangements with the city for mulch and compost.

With the adults: The possibility of having little festivals, taste testing with the parents and sharing of recipes, prepared foods by the parents to recognize their skills--all were topics discussed. It might be wise to purchase a Quisinart food processor for the school lunch program. Signs of School Gardens are being prepared. These are being laminated. Seeds Savers and Hermans Gardens are involved. Judy's name and telephone number should be on ours. A Family Fun Food night could use some of the grant money. This project was such a success this last fall. Maryn Olson spoke of the dissolution of the Response Coalition and the beginning of Postville Live. She thought photos of food, culture could be blown up and shown around the office. David C. said that he had such pictures, and would get more for them. Plant labels and identification of country of origin would be helpful for the garden plants. The uses of the possible grants was also discussed. The group had the consensus that all of the grant monies could be used for the garden and purchases for the lunch room.

Action items for next meeting:

Discussion centered around the change of the F/F county meetings. The Farm to School pilot would be featured in August or September. An "event" could be held at the garden, since there is a city park next to the garden. This needs to be planned by the county, but probably implemented at the school--perhaps using the garden produce.

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