



## Allamakee County Team March 11, 2010

The Allamakee County Team met on March 11, 2010 at 5:30 pm at the Waukon Wellness Center. There were 13 people present: Janel Clark, Teresa Wiemerslage, Tiffany Murphy, Angela Gibbs, Dani Bucknell, Jane Rausch, Stef Perkins, Cloy Kuhse, Mary Jo Goodman, Mary Koopman, Jan Kemp, Connie Benedict, Lana Snitker.

### **Introduction Activity Responses: When is the last time you ate school lunch?**

- \*Last week at St. Pats for Catholic Schools week - instant potatoes, hamburger gravy, bread, milk, canned pears
- \*Waverly Head Start - Breakfast: Blueberry bagel, plain cream cheese, prunes, orange slices, milk
- \*Years ago - Can't even remember, but remember it didn't always taste good and what you were served was what you got
- \*Last month with son for Birthday - Hot dog, milk, cookie, fruit cocktail

### **Old Business & Reports:**

None

### **Summary of program and discussion:**

- 1) An overview of the NE Iowa Farm to School Project was presented on and discussed by Teresa Wiemerslage. Handouts were given explaining the Farm to School vision and what has been happening locally and with the six pilot schools in these areas of Education (Cross Age Teaching and Teacher Training), Food Service, and School Gardens.
- 2) Discussion followed and included the following responses from those in attendance:

#### **Initial thoughts of the Farm to School program and its goals:**

- \*Exciting to hear about
- \*I think it's great to hear about what the children will be experiencing
- \*Waukon seems to have growing school support from administration

#### **How do we get from where we are to where we want to be in regards to school lunches? Barriers?**

- \*Are there school regulations related to how/what food can be brought in to the schools?
- \*Commodities
- \*Convenience (Time, work involved)
- \*Scale (large amount of food needed to feed a school district)
- \*Weather (How can high tunnels be used?)

#### **What education currently exists in schools to teach students where their food comes from?**

- \*BASICS nutrition program
- \*Froelich Foundation
- \*Dairy Foundation Center

#### **How would farm to school involve the whole community?**

- \*Master Gardeners volunteer
- \*Increase interaction/discussion in the community overall
- \*Cost-savings (seeds donated)
- \*Extra additional income