

Teton Food and Farm Coalition Meeting

June 5, 2024

9:00-10:00 am via Zoom

1. Welcome & Introductions- Jen Werlin, UI Extension Educator; Tammy Sachse, Extension Assistant; Angdrea Swedberg, Food for Good; Kelly Romines, Teton Valley Community Recycling; Robert Sgroi-Teton Soil Conservation District in Jackson; Iris Saxer-School District Wellness and RAD; Emma Ray-TVCR board member; community member and farm volunteer; Cyndy Endrizal, Public health and Food Nutrition; Chloe Price, Teton Valley Master Gardener; Katia Ryan, District 7 Health department

2. Food Waste Prevention Week RUES Update:

Iris-talked about RUES food waste prevention week audit results.

Before the audit, Iris met with the principal and District Child Nutrition Director. To do an audit, she also checks with cafeteria and custodial staff before auditing. She also checked with USDA about the Food waste audit guidelines. She set up farms (Winter Winds Farm/Piquet farms) that were willing to take food waste. She also talked to teachers and sent information to them ahead of the audit to let kids know what they would be learning.

Iris and volunteers did this audit for 5 days at the RUE school working with 4th and 5th graders. They took audits for breakfast and lunch. She said it was too busy to do a tray audit. They weighed the food waste for 280 kids.

- 571 pounds got diverted
- 450 pounds to chickens
- 121 pounds of chocolate milk poured down drain
- 117 pounds share crate total

Iris had kids fill out a survey to help gather information on students eating habits. She was able to go into 8 or 9 science or math classes and talk about food waste and she had some great discussions with the kids. She did come up with some ideas that should help with food waste.

- Have lunch after recess
- Allow student into morning cafeteria without requiring them to eat unwanted breakfast
- “You only need 3” Educate on USDA
- Improve Share Bin
- Join local farmers that are willing to take waste

The school ordered poster of the “offer vs. Serve” in English and are working on ordering in Spanish. Rad wants to help the school with a new Share Fridge but would like them to do a simple audit of food waste. Each school needs an “In-School Champion”. Jamie Myers said that the new laws make it hard for schools to use local food.

Robert-He was very impressed with the data and work that went into this audit. He would like to do something like that in Jackson. Iris gave him some contact for high school kids that would be great to help with a project like that.

Emma- talked about eating disorders and mental issues with kids. She would like to help with educating youth about these problems that go along with eating food.

3. Other updates.

Trout Friendly Lawn & Native Pollinator fundraiser Senior center Thursday June 13th 5-7 pm

Farmers Market is opening in Jackson with 17 booths

Grant are being offered to farmers to help them get to market

Grants are available to farmers to help with water infrastructure.

Last meeting for the summer.

4. Next Meeting:

September 25, 12-1pm via Zoom