



Three Nutritious Meals x 365 Days a Year = 1,095 Meals For Every Child

1095 Skagit Coalition Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 2016

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

WSU Extension Skagit

Vision: Our vision is that we will fully nourish all children in Skagit County so that they will grow and prosper

Mission: Our mission is to collaborate, coordinate, and communicate with families and community partners to ensure that every child in Skagit County eats 3 nutritious meals 365 days of the year

Attendees: Maureen Pettitt, Becky Schlaht, Drew Gilliland, Carolyn Conner, Ann Novak, Diana Morelli, Melissa Self, Debra Lancaster, Jerry Shackette, Rudy Kerkvliet, Karen Parnell, Jennifer Sass-Walton

Meeting Notes

3:00 PM – 3:10 PM – Intros/Check-Ins

- Icebreaker – When you hear the words “Skagit County,” what’s the first word you think of? What’s the word you *want* Skagit County to represent?
 - Action: Drew will make word cloud with these words

3:10 PM – 3:15 PM – Carolyn Conner – Review of Hunger Action Day

- Hearing on 2/23/17 on House Bill 1508 – Breakfast after the bell & eliminating reduced lunch co-pay
 - WA ranks 45th in getting kids who qualify for free breakfast to actually eat it
- Hunger Data Bill Senate Bill 5485 – required to submit food data to one common place so it’s easier to analyze; data analysis is notoriously difficult in WA

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM – Discussion of group structure, roles; review of position descriptions

- Various edits on the position descriptions
- Finalized versions to be presented and signed at next meeting to formalize Steering Committee membership; first Action Group(s) to be officially formed at next meeting

3:45 PM – 4:20 PM – Drew Gilliland, Debra Lancaster – Discussion of Backpack Program Progress; Afterschool Meals; Summer Meals

- Update group on nutrition policy and steps being taken in Sedro-Woolley with Helping Hands FB
 - Surveys
 - New pantries in high school and alternative high school so that food is readily available; helps overcome stigma
- Carolyn Conner – feedback she heard from hunger advocates recently on backpack programs
 - Students potential stigma; internal house conflict regarding who gets the food;
 - Important to consider these things as we form our various programs
- Further backpack renaming postponed to next meeting
- Debra Lancaster – Update on potential innovative distribution plan
 - Met with Skagit Publishing to begin a pilot of backpack distribution directly to houses;
 - Diana Morelli – a concern with ICE and Latinx-community buy-in because of unfamiliarity and fear

4:20 PM – 4:25 PM – Very brief review of Snohomish afterschool meals meeting (SOWA)

4:25 PM – 4:30 PM – Next Steps & Next Meeting; Evaluation

- Next meeting:
 - Flash of Silver Award update
 - March into Spring to raise awareness
 - Finalize Action Group positions
 - Carolyn Conner – 5-2-1-0