

Spring Gathering in Bouctouche
May 21, 2015
Group Discussions

Sustainability

- Leadership, someone to keep vision going
- Key partners
- Policy and contract language facilitates and supports strong vision
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- Educational component
- Communication
- Procurement, etc.
 - Farmers are key players***
- Systems

Montreal National Conference

- What will people get out of it?
- Funding sources? (Rachels and Joanne have ideas)
- Diversity of people attending
- Carpool? (Marc Andre has bus drivers license)

Expertise in Schools

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- Chefs, gardeners, hydroponics, permaculture
- Idea: students do a day of labour at an expert's garden in exchange for them coming to school
- Idea: Farm to School Day (have Kelsey and other experts come and facilitate activities directed to school staff, students, parents, etc. to increase engagement from all sides)
- Idea: Engage post-secondary level culinary tech students and teachers who are good with kids

Communication

- Schools <-> food distributors <-> food service providers <-> farmers

Engaging School Community

- eating at salad bar
- parents, teachers, students need ownership of program
- team building
- Disposable cameras for students, use these photos to promote program
- Invite press to farm trip
- Celebrate students that have been involved
- Celebrate even small successes

Some words shared at the end:

- Hope
- Supported
- Wow
- Ideas
- Excitement
- Amazed
- Tasty
- Progress
- Possible
- Inspired
- On right track
- Keep on trucking
- Going to be busy
- Serendipity
- Inspiring
- Excited
- Motivated
- Thrilled