

Lunch Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2020

Meeting Notes

Members:

Colleen Murray (Superintendent)	Nina Brewer (Teacher/Green Team Advisor)
Donna Ricciardi (BOE Lunch Program Coordinator)	Rajni Mehta (Parent)
Tom Reed-Swale (Principal)	Marie Bartels (Parent)
Jennifer Bobok (Nurse)	Mary Grace Crisci (Parent)
Peter Ferrara (Chartwells)	Phoebe Bartels (Grade 4 Student)
Dr. Namita Wijesekera (School Medical Advisor)	Matthew Crisci (Grade 6 Student)
Andrea Hubbard (Teacher)	Timmy Crisci (Grade 3 Student)
James Bruni (Teacher)	Natalie Dorais (Grade 5 Student)

Attending: Colleen Murray, Donna Ricciardi, Tom Reed-Swale, Jennifer Bobok, Peter Ferrara, Andrea Hubbard, James Bruni, Nina Brewer, Rajni Mehta, Marie Bartels, Mary Grace Crisci

Absent: Dr. Wijesekera, Phoebe Bartels, Matthew Crisci, Timmy Crisci, Natalie Dorais

Visitors: Sue Carpenter

Call to Order

1. Mrs. Murray called the meeting to order at 7:46 a.m via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Motion** by Hubbard, seconded by Mehta, to approve the October 16, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. *The motion carries 10 yes, 1 abstain (Brewer), 1 absent (Wijesekera).*

Agenda

1. Purpose Of School Lunch Advisory Board

Mrs. Murray reiterated that the purpose of the Lunch Advisory Board is menu planning, looking for ways to improve the menu so students are offered a healthy and enjoyable variety of foods while still meeting the National School Lunch Program requirements. She further explained that COVID-19 Pandemic has significantly affected the food service program. Additionally Mrs. Murray introduced Mrs. Nina Brewer as the newest member of the Lunch Advisory Board and the Green Team Advisor.

2. BCS Food Service Program

Mrs. Ricciardi gave a report on meals provided at Amity Middle School during the emergency shutdown, the USDA lunch waiver, lunch in the classrooms, lunch monitors, and she acknowledged all those involved in helping the lunch program to run smoothly.

3. Chartwells Update

Mr. Ferrara discussed possibly offering free breakfast to students if the logistics could be figured out. He further discussed with the Board members some alternatives to the menu, such as vegetarian options. He also reported that the USDA now requires that all grains must be whole grain rich.

4. Student Focus Group

Due to time constraints, the Student Focus Group will meet at a separate time with Mrs. Murray, Mr. Ferrara, and Mrs. Ricciardi to discuss menu planning.

5. Sustainability CT Grant

Mrs. Murray provided the Board with an update on the recycling grant and purchase of the cafeteria recycling table. The table will be ready for use when the students return to the cafeteria during lunch waves. Until lunch in the cafeteria resumes, Mrs. Murray asked Mrs. Brewer and the Green Team to consider ways recycling may take place in the classroom.

Future agenda items

- Approval of the October 21, 2020 minutes
- Recycling

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:22 am.

Next meeting: May TBD