

Minutes
School Food Subcommittee meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 2008
Washington High School

Present: Mark Elkin, meeting chair; Libby Albert, Laura Brainin-Rodriguez, Michelle Fong, Karen Gehrman, Caroline Grannan, Paula Jones, Tiana Kaulave, Colleen Kavanagh, Ericka Lovrin, Tracy Luong, Otila Malepeai, Luis Martinez, Ashley Middlebrooks, Camille Nepacena, Esperanza Pallana, Jhun Paningbatan, Maryann Rainey, Steve Schmidt, Jacob Schreiber, Jason Siu, Ed Wilkins, Dana Woldow.

Mark Elkin called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Student Advisory Council members presented results of a survey of students on school food. The results are incomplete at present but should be finalized before the end of the school year. SAC members promised to forward completed results to the committee when they are available.
2. Balboa High School students reported on a project providing free fruit in classrooms for students to snack on during class. The project took place in four classes, and others are asking to replicate it. Preliminary results show that students in those four classrooms have increased their average uptake of fruit since the project began. There are plans to seek a grant to expand the project.
3. Maryann Rainey, school nurse at Lowell High School, provided an update from the Student Nutrition Committee at Lowell on a number of issues. Among other topics, she noted that Lowell's salad bar opened in February and has been popular with students. One question has been whether students may take as much of an item as they want. Ed Wilkins will clarify to cafeteria staff that students may take as much as they like in one pass through the line.
4. Ed Wilkins provided updates on various student nutrition topics. A student from the SOTA Academy asked if a salad bar will open in the SOTA cafeteria. Ed said there are hopes to get funding for more salad bars above the current 25, but the timing is unclear. Ed reported that 10 elementary schools are being selected for a pilot hot breakfast. He also reported on the striking results of a three-week period at Lincoln High School when the campus was closed as a disciplinary measure. Student lunch participation and revenue improved significantly.
5. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.
6. This is the last subcommittee meeting of the 2007-08 school year. Next meeting date will be set in the fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.