

Draft minutes
Meeting -- School Food Subcommittee
of the SFUSD Student Nutrition and Physical Activity Committee
Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006

Present: Dana Woldow (chair), Laura Brainin-Rodriguez (SF Department of Public Health), Marguerite Novak (SF Food Bank), Libby Albert (Department of Children, Youth & their Families), Mona Lisa Wallace (SF National Organization for Women), Colleen Kavanagh (parent), Caroline Grannan (parent), Alfredo Sabillón (student), Ed Wilkins (SNS), Paula Jones (SF Food Systems), Ellen Schatz (parent), Nanette Leuschel (SF NOW), Leah Rimkus (SFFS).

Subcommittee chair Dana Woldow called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the last meeting (April 24, 2006) were approved.

Food Security Task Force report: Libby Albert presented the city Food Security Task Force draft report, titled School Lunch and Breakfast, and answered questions. It was suggested that the report add a cost estimate for the Point of Sale swipe-card system needed to improve efficiency and increase participation in school meals, for which funding is now being sought. Ed Wilkins said the cost will be about \$1 million.

Trans fat: SF NOW President Mona Lisa Wallace reported on concerns about harmful trans fat in school meals, on behalf of a NOW committee. One suggested step is collective action by a coalition of school districts. Another suggestion was that NOW use its clout to go directly to the USDA and lobby for a ban on trans fat rather than fighting many smaller battles. It was noted that the farm bill is currently being reauthorized, which would offer an opportunity for such a ban. Other organizations mentioned as likely partners in such an effort were the Center for Science in the Public Interest and California Food Policy Advocates.

Dana Woldow explained that trans fats are technically banned in the SFUSD food policy. SNS is working toward enforcement and makes progress every year, but because trans fats are so prevalent, the ban isn't fully implemented yet. The main offenders have been potato rounds, of which there was a huge inventory that was gradually being served. The supply has finally been used up.

Report from Miraloma Elementary: Parent volunteer Ellen Schatz described the Miraloma Elementary policy limiting unhealthy classroom treats such as birthday cupcakes, in conjunction with more nutrition and health education for kids. She will provide the subcommittee with a copy of the memo to parents explaining the Miraloma policy.

Request from James Lick Middle School: Three Lick parents asked Dana if the Beanery can offer salad and fruit salad. She passed the request on to Ed, and the items were immediately added to the menu.

Ongoing projects: The Grab n Go is under way at Balboa High School and fed 260 students last Thursday. It will be featured in a PBS report to be broadcast locally on KQED-TV on Friday, Oct. 13, at 8:30 p.m.
The Point of Sale pilot will start up at Balboa on Oct. 30 and later that week at Bessie Carmichael Elementary.

It was agreed that future meetings would be held on Tuesdays. Next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Grannan, secretary pro tem