

Draft minutes
**San Francisco Unified School District Student Nutrition
And Physical Activity Committee
School Food Subcommittee meeting**
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009
Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy

Present: Mark Elkin (chair), Laura Brainin-Rodriguez, Lena Brook, Felix Deng, Logan Gai, Karen Gehrman, Heather Graham, Caroline Grannan, Colleen Kavanagh, Paula Jones, Joseph Lau, Andrea Leon, Amy Portello Nelson, Maryann Rainey, Dana Woldow, Katharine Yousef.

Mark Elkin called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

1. The minutes from the previous meeting (Dec. 3, 2008) were approved as drafted. Caroline Grannan volunteered to take minutes.
2. Student Nutrition Services update:
 - a. Andrea Leon of San Francisco Food Systems reported on the pilot cafeteria upgrade at Balboa High School. The numbers of students eating in the cafeteria have risen from about 230-250 per day before the pilot to 448 the day of the meeting. The lines are moving quickly and theft is down. New menu items are coming in December, including some from local vendors. The pilot reconfigured the a la carte line so that items from that line meet the requirements for being reimbursable by the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Andrea reported that students who previously purchased a single item such as a bagel are now purchasing full meals.
 - b. The updated numbers for free/reduced meals were not available as neither Ed Wilkins nor Zetta Reiker from Student Nutrition Services (SNS) was able to attend the meeting.
 - c. Andrea reported on the Point of Sale (POS) system rollout. There have been some technical difficulties, but lunch lines are moving faster. The POS is now functioning in 17 schools, including four elementary schools. One advantage is that students don't need their card if they have their PIN number.
 - d. Wallenberg High School is hoping to implement a Grab n Go breakfast program like Balboa's.
3. Youth Vote: Peter Lauterborn of Youth Vote wasn't able to be at the meeting and report. Youth Vote is polling high schoolers on their lunchtime eating practices.
4. USDA "Choice of Milk" requirements: In relation to the ongoing discussion (local and national) of whether chocolate milk should be offered in school meal programs, Dana Woldow presented an explanation of the complex and specific NSLP requirements that make it nearly impossible to remove chocolate milk in the short

term. Because of the facts that complete meals must contain a set minimum amount of calories and that two types of milk must be offered in a lunch, it's not possible to replace chocolate milk with plain 1% milk and still meet the minimum calorie requirement. There was discussion of the fact that Berkeley Farms chocolate milk is sweetened with high fructose corn syrup and of campaigning to pressure Berkeley Farms to reformulate the milk. The question of whether some students will refuse milk unless it's chocolate was discussed. SNS hopes to run a test in three schools, removing the chocolate milk and tracking the milk consumption.

5. Priorities for 2009-10: Getting information to parents widely is a challenge.
6. Additional items:
 - ◆ The Board of Education's next Budget Committee meeting is Dec. 15, and members of the public are encouraged to speak in favor of protecting the meal program from cuts.
 - ◆ Maryann pointed out that the salad bar brings in more students to eat lunch. Amy Portello Nelson said that the city's Department of Children, Youth and their Families (DCYF) funds the salad bars and invited members to attend DCYF Citizens' Advisory Committee meetings.

The next meeting of the School Food Subcommittee will be...?

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Grannan