

MINUTES of the SFUSD Student Nutrition and Physical Activity Committee  
January 8, 2009

Present: Colleen Cavanagh (Campaign for Better Nutrition); Zetta Reicker (SF Food Systems); Patricia James Gray, Ed.D (Balboa HS Principal); Dana Woldow, (parent); Karen Gehrman (parent); Laura Brainin-Rodriguez (SFDPH); Paula Jones (DPH); Libby Albert (DCYF); Marcia Wertz (public, UCSF); Meyla Ruwin (Student Health Programs)

Meeting was called to order at 3:40pm. Minutes from previous meeting were approved as read.

General public comment issue was moved forward in the agenda. Review of last meeting, clarifying the length of comments and number of participants allowed. It was agreed to allow 2 minutes per speaker, but to be flexible due to the number of persons at each meeting.

Paula Jones motioned that general comments were taken after each agenda item, prior to the committee voting on each item, and the motion was agreed.

SNS Update from Dana. The last taco truck is appealing for a police commission waiver to operate though it was noted they are the only taco truck not complying with the ordinance.

Hot breakfast part of the lunch program is up. Last year they were serving 5100 kid/day and this year up to 6077/day.

Lunch participation is up from 21,416 last year to 22,007 in November 08. Meal applications have gone up to 54.3% which does not include the charter schools.

SNS will be operating at a \$4million deficit, Ed has been told to reduce that to \$2 million.

Currently the hot breakfast is on a 5 days cycle and one possible money-saving solution is to limit the breakfast items to the top 5 sellers. Other possible changes due to budget cuts:

- salad bars in place - no organics, no jicama, and possible closing of 8 elementary school salad -bars.
- losing all whole grains and abandoning the veggie pack.
- highest participation meals will be kept. Students may prefer this menu as it will be entirely the meals they like best.

Colleen offered to call Safeway Foundation to possibly sponsor the deficit. Laura suggested General Mills.

A long discussion took place addressing how best to keep feeding kids with no application on file. It was noted the first 30 days of school, the district loses \$150,000 in unqualified meals while the kindergartens are turning in their applications.

Ed wants a Board resolution with the committee's support and comments.

Meyla sees it as an opportunity to get each kid's meal app on file. Libby suggests contacting parents to notify that some kids are not using the money for school lunch. Other suggestions including using the LSP workers more in this regard. Colleen suggests packaging it to the Board by detailing the fiscal impact of this on the rest of the program.

Laura suggests some financial consequences to schools who are the worst offenders so they carry some of the burden (of loss of income to the district) in order to encourage compliance

Paula asserts that many kids don't qualify but cannot pay the \$2/day for lunch. Colleen suggests part

of Board Resolution is to ask SF to pick up some of the reimbursement deficit.

One idea was holding the principal accountable by financial penalty when the cash shortage exceeds a predetermined amount, have the overage come out of the schools WSF general fund, or offer other financial incentives.

As for a recommendation to the Board, it was agreed that the Board has a responsibility to minimize the fiscal impact of the No Child Left Hungry policy. Oakland and Davis have a 'meal of shame' but SF does not. After outreach attempts to get meal apps filled out, there need to be some small consequence for the family. Therefore the district will feed all kids, but the board is inadvertently assuming the cost of the responsibility.

Dana will draft the input of the SNPAC to the board.

Mary Ann Rainey reports a great response to a Lowell student project encouraging students to eat on campus by posting nutrition info about several popular lunch items.

Meyla reported on Student Health just submitted a grant for fresh fruit for 17 schools. NEP has been expanded to 20 schools. The Wellness policy is currently on hold as Nancy has yet to report back when the board will go forward with it.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 5th.