

**San Francisco Unified School District
Student Nutrition and Physical Activity Committee
School Food Subcommittee meeting**

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010
Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy

Present:

Caroline Grannan (SNS), Dana Woldow (Parent), Karen Gehrman (Parent), Laura Brainin-Rodriguez (DPH), Mark Elkin (School Health Programs), Colleen Kavanagh (parent), Felix Deng (Youth Commission), Logan Cai (student)

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

The minutes from the last meeting were approved with minor revision of names of those attending

1. **Student Nutrition Services update:** SNS Update from Caroline Grannan, newly employed as Communications assistant for SNS. Caroline reported no change in the Balboa (revamping of Beanery to "Cafe Style" model) pilot numbers, but noted Francisco Middle School now has the same model and numbers are up from 390/400 to 450 this week. The group discussed a need for a name for the model for marketing/identification, and suggestions were made to ask students.

Additionally SNS is rolling out the "Mealpay Plus" system which will allow for parents to pay for meals by credit/debit card online, using Horizon. The rollout of Mealpay Plus system would begin with West Portal and then on to all schools with POS system.

The group discussed options for outreach to families most likely to pay by cash. Laura Brainin-Rodriguez suggested talking with larger school districts who have already implemented similar systems, and/or partnering with 211.org in regards to its banking advice for lower income families.

Mark Elkin suggested SNS put the word out to Health Advocates to announce the Mealpay Plus system. Caroline will be sending out communications to stakeholders explaining the roll-out and process. The key to the program's success is to convert as many families to pre-pay to minimize the expense of cash-handling in the schools.

Caroline noted that the Lowell breakfast hours have changed to a 7am start time (from 8am) and participation increased by 50 students in one week.

2. **Chocolate milk update:** No word on the 3 school survey of chocolate milk given update from SNS that Berkeley farms will switch from corn syrup to sugar for the chocolate milk. Dana suggested a letter-writing campaign to Berkeley Farms to demand they lower the sugar content in the chocolate milk.
3. **Youth Vote update:** Peter Lauterborn of Youth Vote wasn't able to attend to report on the latest vote results regarding student's lunch habits. He will hopefully report at the next meeting.

4. **Additional Items:**

Colleen mentioned a Center on Budget and Policy Priorities report which recommends increasing the costs of paid meals to cost in districts where the schools are charging less than the full cost. She will possibly send to Mark as an agenda item for the full SNPAC Committee meeting in March for discussion.

5. **Items for next agenda:**

- SNS will update on cafe-style model
- SNS will update on new vegetarian menu item "veggie-nugget" and will discuss the idea of having a designated meatless menu day of the week.
- Letter-writing campaign for lowering chocolate milk sugar content

The next meeting of the School Food Subcommittee will be April 14 from 4-5pm at HMCRA.
Room to be assigned

Submitted,
Karen Gehrman