

Minutes of the School Food Subcommittee  
April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Present: Zetta Reicker, Mark Elkin, Paula Jones, Libby Albert, Karen Gehrman, Colleen Kavanagh, Dana Woldow, Maryanne Rainey, Jeanette Bemis, Susan Kim-Stuart, Renske van Staveren, Gordon Jenkins, Leon Sultan, Jason Yu, Willa Li, Emily Lau

Karen Gehrman called the meeting to order at 4:10; the minutes were approved as read.

Leon Sultan, social studies teacher at Lincoln HS, talked about a project which his American democracy students are doing to try to improve school food. They have started a Facebook site and have over 1300 members from all of the major high schools in SF. Dana came to Mr. Sultan's two classes this week and spoke with the students about how they can take action to try to achieve their goal of better school food. The Lincoln students want to take action on several fronts - forming their own student nutrition group at Lincoln; encouraging their fellow students to write to Congress to ask for more money for school meals; setting up a website to encourage students around the country to write to Congress; writing letters to the Board of Education to ask for more nutritious food in the school lunches; and doing a survey to see if there is community support for a parcel tax to raise money for better school food. Several of Mr. Sultan's students also attended the meeting and shared some of their concerns about the school food.

Zetta presented a list of Student Nutrition Services goals and objectives for the immediate future and for the next 10 years. The list also includes a "wish list" of actions which the district administration and the SNPAC could take to support the SNS goals. This will be discussed in more depth at the SNPAC meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Colleen talked about cost of living data and explained why it would be a good idea for all of us working on school food issues to settle on one set of numbers to use when speaking publicly about cost of living.

Libby mentioned that the City would again be sponsoring the Soda Free Summer and that this year there was also a Pre-K program encouraging young children to drink water.

This is the last meeting of the year for this committee. Next year, committee co-chairs Mark Elkin and Karen Gehrman may choose to schedule some meetings at 1515 Quintara and others at Harvey Milk ES.

The final meeting of the year for the SNPAC will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5pm in the board room at 555 Franklin Street.