

Tentative minutes of the Bethel Board of Education AD-HOC Food Service Committee Meeting held on December 19, 2013, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None

Administrative Attendance: K. Smith, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, D. Muharem, A. Salerno, C. Troetti

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 6:15 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Stuart Carlsen

Mr. Scott Clayton

Mr. Larry Craybas

Mrs. Robin Renner

Absent Board Members:

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman

Mr. William Duff

Mr. Nicholas Hoffman

Mrs. Kristen Lacey

Mrs. Melanie O'Brien

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1. Sodexo Food Services - Healthy Foods

Discussion:

Amanda Riley, Sodexo Food Service Manager, Bethel Public Schools, Alan Dean, Sodexo District Manager, and Jeanne, Sodexo Dietician, reported to Board on the Sodexo's healthy menu changes as a result of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act. This was designed to help fight obesity and to help get healthy foods to lower income students. A minimum and maximum per day were put on certain food groups, ex. grains and meats.

Fruits and vegetables must be included in student lunches. Students who choose not to eat them can put them in a community basket. These items are available to all students for free and students are eating them.

Amanda Riley, has attended the open houses at each of the schools to inform parents and answer questions. She has also attended the Berry School PTO meeting to discuss and answer questions about the snack program that is part of the State of Connecticut's Healthy Kids Program.

Mrs. Riley noted the chicken tenders that are served are all natural, the beef hot dogs are 100% all natural beef, gluten free items are available, and Sodexo will meet the needs of any child. The Breakfast Program's participation rate has increased from 5-10 students a day to 30 a day. This program is also available to those students who receive free/reduced lunch.

Sodexo provided samples of the foods served at the schools.

2. Audience Participation

None.

3. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder