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**Food Service Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 via Zoom**

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:09PM by Matt Wilcox.

Attendance: Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III, (Chair), Mr. Matt Wilcox (Vice-Chair), Mr. Thomas Lamb, Ms. Krina Byrd, Ms. Alyson Fox, Mr. David Gelinas, Ms. Susan Harris, Ms. Maria Karas, Ms. Gail Sharry

II. Introductions and Announcements: There were no introductions. Food policies will be reviewed by the Finance and Operations Department later this month. Thomas Lamb is working with Human Resources to fill the position for the future Food Service director. Nine applicants will be narrowed down to three and the current director will be involved during the interview process.

III. Update on Plan for Expanding Access to Locally-Grown Healthy, Sustainable Food, Decreasing Packaging Waste, and Increasing Opportunities for Food Donation, Food Rescue, and Composting Mr. Lamb stated that the Energy and Sustainability manager of ABM Industries is creating the report for the climate resolution response for for the April Board of Education meeting. The goal is to have one NHPS sustainability and waste management structure that will work for all schools rather than individual schools creating their own system and for NHPS to work with the City of New Haven Climate and Sustainability director and Public Works Department on a system-wide plan. Information was shared that the Food Service Department has decreased plastic packaging, increased card board recycling, is utilizing compostable trays and school students have begun to collect items that students do not consume to donate to Haven Harvest.



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IV. Update from Food Gap Subgroup: Preparation for the April food distribution is in progress. Posters have been created and will be placed at schools and shared with the district. The group will also be working on promoting summer meals. Ms. Fox shared that the group will continue to support the future Food Service director and expressed the importance of community outreach as a significant qualification for the incoming Food Service director and hopes this partnership will continue. The next distribution will be held during the April Recess on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 from 3:00PM-5:00PM. Pop-up pantries will be at the following locations:

Truman School, 114 Truman Street
Lincoln Bassett School, 21 Butler Street
The Shack (West Hills Community Center), 333 Valley Street
John Martinez School, 100 James Street

V. Other Business: There was no other business at this time.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2023. Agenda items are due to Chair (Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III) and Vice-Chair (Matt Wilcox) by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

Adjournment: **On the Motion by Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III to adjourn at 5:38PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Myers

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Central Kitchen Clerk