



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Connecticut

Food Service Committee Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 9, 2022 via Zoom

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:05PM by Dr. Orlando Yarborough.

Attendance: Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III, (Chair), Ms. Alyson Fox, Ms. Susan Harris, Ms. Brooke Logan, Ms. Salina Manning, Ms. Gail Sharry

II. Introductions and Announcements: Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III introduced himself. Afterwards, members and attendees took turns introducing themselves.

IV. Food Quality: Food Service staff have quality assurance checklists that are in place. Students can request a fresh meal if a problem arises with their meal. Taste tests are held in collaboration with students to get their opinion of new products and recipes. Food advisory meetings are set up with the Student Council and the food service management team at least twice a year to get feedback from students.

III. Update on Food Gap Subgroup: Reminder of dates and discussion about available data that can support the group Some parents did not receive notice of the February Pop-Up Pantry. To avoid this type of miscommunication from happening again, Dr. Tracey will receive notice of food distributions and will ensure that parents are notified in the future. To make distributions more streamline, the group is considering ways of receiving and packing the food prior to the day of distribution. Long term solutions are being discussed and the group will continue to seek ways to resolve food gaps. There will be another food distribution during the April Break.

IV. Update on Life-Threatening Allergy Advocacy Peer Group: There are no updates at this time. This topic will remain on the agenda for future meetings.



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V. Update on Finalizing Life-Threatening Food Allergy Management Plan Including Implementation, Forms, and Website Posting:

Dr. Yarborough reported that the plan has been posted. This topic will remain on the agenda to be discussed at the next meeting.

VI. Update on Food Policies:

There are no updates at this time. This topic will remain on the agenda for future meetings.

VII. Other Business:

Work is beginning for the summer meals program. There will be 4 vans distributing meals at 16 sites in addition to the yearly summer programs.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2022. Agenda items are due to the Chair (Dr. Orlando Yarborough) by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

Adjournment:

On the Motion by Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III to adjourn at 5:54PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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