



## NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Connecticut

#### Food Service Committee Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 14, 2022 via Zoom

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**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:02PM by Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III.

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**Attendance:** Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III, (Chair), Mr. Matt Wilcox (Vice-Chair),  
Dr. Michael Finley, Ms. Susan Harris, Ms. Maria Karas, Ms. Gail Sharry

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**II. Introductions and Announcements:** Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III introduced himself. Afterwards, members and attendees took turns introducing themselves. Ms. Sharry announced the return of student focus groups who will be giving feedback on food choices, and taste testing. Meatless Mondays have resumed with new recipes and new products. The salad bar will be returning soon and vegetarian choices are available daily for all students.

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**III. Update on Sustainability and Environmental Consciousness Related to Food Service:** In anticipation that the Board of Education will be adopting this plan soon, Mr. Wilcox expressed the importance of establishing a baseline and identifying present efforts. Currently, the Food Service Department's efforts include buying locally grown, healthy sustainable food and decreasing packaging and waste.

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**IV. Update from Food Gap Subgroup:** The next food gap will be in December during the Christmas break. Planning will start in late October.

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**V. District Food Allergy Plan Review:** Approved portions of the plan have been posted. The remainder of the plan is under review. This topic will remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

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**VI. Update on  
Food Policies:**

Policies are on track to be finalized in December. This topic will remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

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**VII. Other  
Business:**

After school snack programs have begun for the 2022-2023 school year, and supper programs are expected to resume on October 3, 2022.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Agenda items are due to the Chair (Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III) by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 2022.

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**Adjournment:**

**On the Motion by Dr. Orlando Yarborough, III to adjourn at 5:32PM.**

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Respectfully Submitted,

*Cheryl Myers*

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Central Kitchen Clerk