

**MENU PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

DATE: 4-26-19

PLACE: Havemeyer Building, 290 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830
Board Room

ATTENDANCE: Lorianne O'Donnell (BOE)
John Hopkins (BOE)
Dave Nanarello (BOE)
Jayne-Marie Lockett (BOE)
Nerlyn Pierson (PTAC Health and Wellness co-chair)
Lisa Suriano (absent)
Sara Seidelmann, MD
Elissa Diamond-Fields, DC (PTAC Health and Wellness co-chair, left at 10:18am)
Stephanie Knuth

1. Meeting Opening

Call to Order – 9:20 am

2. Menu Planning Group Discussion

Lori to recirculate draft minutes from 4-12-19 meeting for review.

Revised draft guidelines were shared (see attached). Guidelines will remain open as draft while food services tests it out as procedure (supporting the BOE policy) and the team awaits RFP bid responses to get a sense of impact.

Dave, in collaboration with Lisa, shared menu information to help begin discussions on some of the types of meals and offerings that could be served. There was clarification on the requirements of “protein” on a daily basis per the National School Lunch Program, but there is not a requirement to serve “meat” on a daily basis. The committee discussed various alternatives options (e.g. offering just one main course a day or offering just one main course 1 day a week to start, soup as the second entrée, modifying recipes of top sellers like tacos, pizza, chicken tenders or breakfast items) for the food services team to consider as they work to redesign the menu offerings. The website forwardfood.org was also shared to provide additional information on how to balance how often meat occurs in a menu.

Lori will circulate draft communications for all to review before and at the next meeting.

There was discussion about the financial impact of the guidelines on the food services program. While it is not necessarily the goal of the committee to increase food cost for

now, there is survey data that suggests families are willing to pay a little more for quality food.

Next steps include the following:

- Circulate draft communications

3. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 10:24 am

Respectfully submitted,
Lorianne O'Donnell