

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
106 Hancock Rd.
Peterborough, New Hampshire**

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

FOOD SERVICE/WELLNESS COMMITTEE

**Thursday, August 26, 2021
SAU Office**

5:30 PM

Minutes

Committee Members:

- Richard Dunning, Chair
- Greg Kriebel.
- Keira Christian
- Liz Swan
- Pamela Murphy
- Kelly Parker
- Savannah Lee

Present: Richard Dunning, Lori Schmidt, Keira Christian, Kelly Parker

1. Call Meeting to Order

Dick Dunning called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

2. Accept Minutes of April 22, 2021

Keira Christian moved to accept the minutes of April 22, 2021. Kelly Parker second. The minutes were amended to change the word “admission” fee to “application” fee on page two. Unanimous as amended.

3. Summer Program

Lori Schmidt said that historically the ConVal School District has run a summer program that supplies free meals. To qualify, you have to be “area eligible” as set forth by the USDA. One way to meet that requirement is through a Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) rate of 50% or more. When a community attains eligibility under FRL of 50% it holds for five years. Our communities were not showing up for last year or this year but the five year rule made ConVal eligible. It ended this year. We are no longer eligible.

Lori Schmidt heard that Jaffrey/Rindge summer program numbers were solid. We will likely not qualify for these programs next year.

Historically, the program paid out at a higher rate. It allows us to provide meals if school is disrupted. We will be selecting that option again.

The USDA says that rates will be extended to the summer seamless program. Unsure if that will carry into next summer.

We need to consider and make a recommendation to the board before budget season if a summer program would be run next summer. It has really been run for outside of the district users. ConVal numbers are low.

Costs of labor and transportation fall on ConVal. It is not a money making program and it runs at a loss.

Lori Schmidt said that she needs to let other schools know if ConVal does not plan to run the program.

Dick Dunning said that the concern for us is that we carry the financial burden and don't benefit from it. It does not make sense for us to carry it. We would need to bring a recommendation forward not to continue with it. Staffing was difficult for Café Services. Percentage numbers for ConVal participants as well as other districts was asked.

4. FY' 2021 Report

We were initially looking at \$165K more in losses than budgeted, which was a \$116K loss. Actual loss was \$174K.

Getting meals to the community so that parents could pick up was difficult.

We were able to run bus routes to people's doors at one point. When we were in school, buses were used to transport students and no longer transport meals.

Lori explained how the local complexes that qualified for meals will no longer be factored as a result of the program moving offsite.

5. Price of Staff Meals

Staff meal prices did not increase last when student rates were increased.

When people pay for meals again, increasing staff prices should take place.

A recommendation to increase staff prices by the same percentage as the student cost was made.

6. Plan Options – SSO (Summer Seamless Option) vs. NSLP (National School Lunch Program)

SSO is free for everyone and we are reimbursed at summer rates. We have the option of running a standard lunch program for the year where people would pay or qualify. The only benefit would be that people would fill out the FRL application.

ConVal would be the only district in the area that would charge, which would not be favorable.

Keira Christian moved to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. Kelly Parker second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok