

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
106 Hancock Rd.
Peterborough, New Hampshire
CONTOOCH VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOOD SERVICE/WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Monday, May 9, 2022
SAU Office

6:00 PM

Minutes

Committee Members:

- Richard Dunning, Chair
- Greg Kriebel
- Keira Christian
- Liz Swan
- Kelly Parker

Present: Richard Dunning, Greg Kriebel, Liz Swan, Kelly Parker, Lori Schmidt

1. Call Meeting to Order

Dick Dunning called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Accept Minutes of March 24, 2022

Greg Kriebel moved to accept the minutes of March 24, 2022. Kelly Parker second. Liz Swan abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.

Greg Kriebel requested an update on accounts receivable and balance information.

3. Lunch Program Update

Lori Schmidt referenced the March financials. A gain of \$18,323 rather than the anticipated loss of \$86,447 was pointed out.

The summer lunch program eligibility requirements were shared as a concern.

Lori said that she has verified that the district can use ESSER funds to provide lunch to all students in ConVal programs this summer. The programs are designed for closing learning gaps and credit recovery. PES, AES, and the high school are the current sites. Pierce School is a possible site.

These funds were not earmarked for any other purpose. There is approximately \$400K of unbudgeted funds under ESSER.

Dublin Recreation has participated in our summer programming in the past. This cannot continue as a result of the program changing. We no longer qualify. Doing so would cause ConVal to provide Dublin Recreation meals at ConVal's cost.

As a result, Dublin Recreation has asked our Food Service Program to cater lunches. We would charge them per lunch and they would pick the lunches up.

If ConVal were not providing meals to our summer programs it would not be feasible to provide lunches to Dublin Recreation.

Greg Kriebel asked how it came about that Dublin Recreation received meals and no other recreation departments.

Lori Schmidt said that if you are 50% Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) eligible, the recreation departments could tap into this. Anyone from age two to eighteen was eligible for a free meal. None of our communities currently meet the 50% rate to qualify.

Lunch Pricing – It was last visited for the 20-21 school year. There is a tool that the USDA has to determine pricing. At that time, pricing could have increased by .15 cents and meet the threshold. The

USDA recommends capping it at .10 cents. ConVal raised prices by the .10 cents knowing that the additional .05 cents would be needed. Then COVID came.

Lori Schmidt asked what the recommendation would be for the 2023 school year; keep it the same or increase it by .05 cents. There is no guidance at the federal level and would not likely come until June or July.

Meal pricing was shared.

The upside of going up .05 cents was discussed. Families might fill out the Free and Reduced Lunch application.

Dick Dunning suggested going up .05 cents across the board.

Greg Kriebel moved to raise prices up .05 cents from 20-21 pricing. This would need to go to the board for approval.

Dick Dunning asked how we justify bumping up lunch .05 cents and not breakfast. It should be based on cost.

Greg suggested that both breakfast and lunch would be increased by .05 cents each. Agreed.

For adult meals, the proposal was to raise the price by \$1.00 for breakfast and lunch.

Greg Kriebel moved to raise both breakfast and lunch prices up by .05 cents each and to raise the adult meal prices by \$1.00. Liz Swan second. Unanimous. This will go to the Board.

It will be communicated that the federal free program as a result of COVID will end in June. Families will be charged next year.

Lori Schmidt said that the State has applied for some waivers. They may only go into effect if it is COVID related moving forward. Lori did not see that there would be a significant impact on the ConVal Food Program.

Greg Kriebel said that if next year, meals can be provided for free as a result of learning loss he is fine.

Committee participation – having a student sit on this committee was seen as valuable. Dick suggested asking the nurse that will be hired for PES to sit on this committee.

4. Policy Review

- JLC: Student Health Services

Dick Dunning said that he does not see a need to change anything in this policy. He suggested moving it to the Policy Committee.

- JLCF: Wellness

Dick Dunning said that he would rather replace the statement that “Food will not be used as a reward or punishment, unless necessitated by a student’s IEP/504 Plan” with “Food cannot be used as a punishment...”.

This policy may have been moved to the nurses for review.

Greg Kriebel said that part of the issue at one time was using cupcakes and candy for minor things. He was hesitant to take away the reward statement. There are other ways to work around this. Greg suggested adding a statement that exceptions can be granted by the building principal.

Dick Dunning said that the challenge is to come back with something that allows a principal the opportunity to offer a food treat. This will hold until more is known about where this policy is at the moment.

K-4, 5-8, and 9-12 data on physical activity was asked. Kelly Parker said that there is data. She talks to kids about 60 minutes of physical activity each day.

Dick Dunning spoke about opportunities for kids to be involved in roller skating, mountain biking and other activities outside of athletics. Life-long activity is the goal.

Greg Kriebel asked what the competitive food guidelines are and how it is enforced. He said that exceptions can be made but policy should be followed.

5. Adjourn

Greg Kriebel motioned to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Liz Swan second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok