



HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2024

12:00 p.m. – In Person/Virtual Meeting – High School Library

Committee members present: Robert Stein, Pasquale Romeo, Michael Hardy, Rowena Jeffrey, Roger Bloom, Kerri O'Donnell, Dana Docar, Christine Miller, Grace Maschinski, Giuseppe Alliano, Anthony Servidio, Elaine Lovell

Committee members virtual: Mary O'Neill, Eleanor Dougherty, Karen Suarez, Doric Copsis

The Health and Wellness Committee meeting commenced at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was held in person at the High School, with virtual access via Zoom.

- 1) **SEL (Social Emotional Learning)** – There is nothing to report, as this item was not discussed.
- 2) **NYSED Child Nutrition Administrative Review for 2023-2024** – The NYSED summer school review went very well and there were no findings. The NYSED school year review also went very well with very minor findings requiring no follow up from the NYSED.
- 3) **Freezers Drexel & Dryden** – An update on the freezer installations was given. The slabs have been installed, and the new freezers will be installed shortly.
- 4) **Four additional Food Service Workers Hired** - Four (4) additional food service worker positions were scheduled for the May Board agenda. Forty-five (45) workers were trained as per the NYS Workforce Violence Training Policy in English, Spanish and Creole. All of the workers passed the training. Update: Due to timing with Civil Service the additional food service did not make it onto the May Board agenda.
- 5) **Aramark Report** – New, special items are being offered for breakfast and lunch. Students are presented with the opportunity to vote on which items they prefer. Aramark will continue to explore new food options for the students while following the NYS guidelines.
- 6) **Questions from Committee** – The Water Fountain project should be completed shortly. There are currently only 7 fountains awaiting mechanical installation and electric connections.
- 7) **Food Service Comments** – The 2024 Chopped event is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, in the 9th grade cafeteria at the High School, which is the day of the budget vote. Several students will be participating in this event. Aramark donated \$1,500.00 toward this event, along with all of the food items. A food sampling at Dryden Street school is scheduled

for next week. Aramark hired a new chef in March. The chef works with the schools to develop new recipes, cutting, slicing, and to discuss new food items. On SEL Day, the 4th and 5th graders will be making parfaits. The High School culinary students will be participating in the Chopped event on May 21, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m. This was the final meeting for the 2023-2024 school year.

Respectfully submitted,

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