



Washoe County School District

Nutrition Services – Menu Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: AACT High School

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Attendance

Present:

- Ann Bray
- Jennifer Crane
- Sarah Rodriguez
- Caroline McKay
- Paul Stanley
- Sarah Stout
- John Enright
- Tim Wilson
- John Worring
- Irving Garcia
- Yamille Melendez
- Scott Schelb

Program Overview

Paul Stanley, Sarah Stout, and Chef John Enright presented an overview of the Nutrition Services program. Topics included the districtwide menu planning process, student engagement efforts, opportunities, operational challenges, and anticipated program focus areas moving forward.

Taste Test & Demonstration

Committee members participated in a taste test featuring several items under evaluation, including pasta alfredo, red chile chicken tamales with homemade salsa, vegetarian nuggets, green chicken pozole, and orange chicken. Participants reviewed the district's standardized taste-test booth setup and completed survey cards used by students during events.

Discussion Items

Marketing and Communication

The committee discussed opportunities to strengthen communication with principals, school communities, and district stakeholders. Members emphasized the importance of highlighting program improvements and engagement activities.

Strategies to Increase Student Participation

Members discussed ways to reach younger non-participating students, especially kindergarteners. End-of-year Kindergarten Night events were identified as strong opportunities to introduce families to Nutrition Services offerings.

Districtwide Menu Planning Challenges

The committee acknowledged the complexity of planning menus across a large district with diverse needs. Historical challenges from prior years related to carbohydrate-count communication were noted.

Next Meeting

The committee discussed scheduling the next Menu Advisory Board meeting for April 2026. Specific date and time will be publicly posted in accordance with district procedures.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.