

**PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD UFSD**  
**WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING**



**MEETING AGENDA**

**March 11, 2026**

**Present:** Lori Cannetti, Anthony Cracco, Danielle Steinberg, Katy Forman, Will Dortone, Tracy Warrington, Emily Warneau, Carolyn Walsh, Bernadette Smith, Jessica Guerra, Annette Mroczkowski, Hollyann Ficco

**Note taker:** Danielle Steinberg

	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
1.	Using Our Voices 5K	<p><b>Sponsorships and Partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee members were provided with flyers to assist with securing sponsorships.</li><li>• Sponsors will be recognized on the event t-shirt/signs</li><li>• The PTA and SEPTA are involved in supporting the event.</li><li>• A meeting with Special Olympics is scheduled by the end of the week to discuss potential donations.</li><li>• Island Harvest Food Bank is being considered for sponsorship, and Carolyn Walsh will reach out regarding this opportunity.</li></ul> <p><b>Event Logistics and Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Portable toilets and sinks will be available at the event.</li><li>• NYU Langone Health</li><li>• Therapy dog present.</li><li>• Vendors will be coordinated and covered by Michelle Klune.</li><li>• The possibility of having bagels donated for participants at the finish</li></ul>

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		<p>line was discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletics will reach out to teacher/admin bands to see if they are interested in playing at the event.</li> </ul> <p><b>Apparel and Giveaways</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed connection between the Using Our Voices Run and PS I Love You Day, apparel from PS I Love You will be donated to event.</li> <li>• Additional giveaway ideas for school promotional visits include headbands and wristbands.</li> </ul> <p><b>Promotion and Outreach</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A promotional video will be created for social media.</li> <li>• PR firm will be contacted to see if the event can be promoted in local newspapers.</li> <li>• The event will be listed as an upcoming event on the district website.</li> <li>• Signs outside of each building (beginning May 1) James will be contacted to ensure a consistent message appears on all signs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Notification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideas were discussed for notifying all houses in the area about road closures during the event.</li> <li>• One idea includes having the track team place road closure letters in local mailboxes prior to the event.</li> </ul>
2.	Update: Vending Contract	<p><b>Contract and Vendor Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Mazzie and Ms. Cannetti reviewed current vending contract.</li> <li>• Farmers Fridge is a third-party provider connected to a company the district already works with, so there is no competition involved.</li> <li>• It was suggested that representatives from the company attend a future meeting to provide additional information and answer questions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Contract Structure and Financial Considerations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The contract includes tiers, with the district guaranteeing a certain amount of revenue each week and covering the difference if vending sales do not meet that amount.</li> <li>• Meals average approximately \$7.10.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion included how easily pricing could be adjusted if needed.</li> <li>• Once the guaranteed amount is met, the district would receive a percentage of the profits.</li> <li>• A potential use for any revenue generated could include supporting wellness initiatives, such as the wellness committee bringing in guest speakers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Budget Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The idea of creating a line item or fund was discussed in case revenue is lower than expected in the beginning.</li> <li>• If the vending machine is not used during a given week, the district would still be responsible for the guaranteed payment.</li> <li>• Questions were raised about how summer weeks would affect the contract.</li> </ul> <p><b>Operational Considerations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vending machines cannot compete with the cafeteria; they would only be available when the cafeteria is closed.</li> <li>• Proposed availability would be up to 3rd period and again during 9th period.</li> <li>• Oversight could run through the athletic office rather than the school schedule, allowing availability during sports and theater activities when students are in the building outside of regular hours.</li> </ul> <p><b>Location and Promotion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The location of the fridge and how it would be promoted to students will need to be determined.</li> <li>• Identifying the most popular food options may be a challenge initially.</li> <li>• Discussed idea of student survey to food preferences.</li> </ul> <p><b>Possible Trial</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A trial period during summer school or Regents testing was suggested as a way to gauge interest and usage.</li> </ul>

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3.	America 250 Support	<p><b>Planning and Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Hanley and Ms. Warneau are planning a spirit week to celebrate the 250th anniversary.</li> <li>• Activities will take place throughout the week, with a focus at the end of the week on philanthropy and reinforcing community values, emphasizing giving back and supporting one another.</li> <li>• As part of the celebration, 250 non-perishable items will be collected from each building for the Family Center.</li> </ul> <p><b>Week Activities and Launch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spirit week will include themed dress-up days and various activities for students.</li> <li>• The week will launch with a video montage featuring staff members participating in a scavenger hunt at different American Revolution sites.</li> <li>• The video will be released the week prior to May 18 and will conclude by encouraging students to participate in the Using Our Voices Run.</li> <li>• Those not running in the 5k are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue during the Using Our Voices Event.</li> <li>• Idea of making Spring Pep Rally attached to 250 Spirit Week was explored.</li> </ul>