

SHAC Minutes – February 12, 2020

I. Meeting began at 1:32 p.m. with welcome and introductions

II. Minutes

Committee members reviewed the minutes from the December 4, 2019 meeting. Mrs. Campbell reported that parents have called asking about the cold and heat policy. Mr. Thieme has requested to discuss this item at the April meeting. Minutes were approved.

III. Procedure for Supporting Employees Who Are Breastfeeding

Mrs. Ezell reviewed the procedure for supporting employees who are breastfeeding.

IV. Standard meal plans

Mr. Atkinson reported that we will be returning to the standard meal plans next year. At the January School Board Meeting, the standard meal programs were approved at an increase of \$ 0.20 per meal. The Board wanted to do what they could to help students. Breakfast is \$2.00 and lunch is \$2.45 for grades PK-5 and \$2.75 for grades 6-12. He is working with Mrs. Matern, Communications Director, to ensure that we publicize this information on our website, social media and through blasts to parents via Remind app. Reduced prices are \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. Registration packets will include the free and reduced lunch application. Adult meals are \$4.00 and visitors are \$4.50. Mr. Atkinson explained the adult pricing method. He is working with Mrs. Matern to develop a visual representation that identifies the breakdown of costs for meals. Mrs. Campbell inquired about ways to secure items from the cafeteria when a student does not have money in their account. She indicated that they are appreciative that we are serving breakfast up until 9:00 a.m. for students who arrive late. Mr. Atkinson reports that there are community members who are wanting to donate funds and that may be an option. If the cafeteria were to provide peanut butter crackers, he would be unable to sell them at cost. USDA requires that schools aim for their reimbursement. Prices will more than likely increase on an annual basis.

V. Sharing tables

Mr. Atkinson reported that he has concerns regarding the sharing tables. For example, a child put milk on his cereal that had been on the sharing table overnight. In addition, there are allergy concerns such as peanut residuals on products. The committee discussed some solutions such as having the campus nurses store the items as they would be able to monitor expiration dates. If someone is going to take something because they have an allergy. Mrs. Garcia asked if it allowable to put those items in a container near the cashier so students may scan and then put the item in the container before they begin to eat to prevent allergies and expiration dates. Mrs. Garcia reported that she has breakfast duty and tosses items that are left in the containers from the day before. Mrs. Marquis suggested that we have a person who is responsible for wiping down packaging to prevent allergic reactions and to keep track of dates.

Committee members discussed allergy notes. The general rule has been if it is a doctor note, then we accept it. Mr. Atkinson reported that when students move from elementary to MS and MS to HS, we will send a letter to them during the spring of their 5th grade year and 8th grade year, to obtain a doctor's nurse to verify allergies. If parents do not respond to the letter, we will proceed with the previous allergy plan. If a student enrolls and completes the emergency form or doctors note, this information is forwarded to the cafeteria staff. Nurses also clarify with cafeteria staff whether or not it is all milk products or liquid milk. SHAC members were encouraged to begin these conversations at the campus. Mr. Atkinson will add sharing tables to the agenda for the next administrators meeting for consideration.

VI. Additional concerns/questions:

Mrs. Morales reported that Coastal Bend Wellness would like to present information regarding their services to the committee at the next meeting.

Next meeting: April 15, 2020