

MSSA School Nutrition Committee
Tuesday, May 9, 2017 – 1:00 p.m.
Conference Call Meeting Minutes

Those Present: Chair Emil Genest, Andrew Dolloff and Bill Webster. Absent: Tim Doak and Susan Pratt

Others Present: Walter Beesley, Child Nutrition Program Coordinator
Debbie Swift

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.
2. Introductions were made.
3. Student maximum pricing.

The following Facts/History student pricing information was provided by Walter Beesley:

Student Pricing for School Year 2018

School Year 2017 facts:

4 district received waivers to exceed the \$3.00 max for both high school and elementary grades
27 district high schools at \$3.00
13 elementary schools at \$3.00 (8 just elementary no high school in district)

Meal cost for lunch

Ranged from \$1.47 to \$12.56

Removing everything over \$10.00 and less than \$1.00 yields an estimated \$4.50 per meal

Suggestion to maintain the \$3.00 which is best benefit for students. Better method is increase volume of meals and maintain labor costs.

Price equity Tool

Federal Law

Must be done every year with a goal of, full price reimbursement plus student charge to match or exceed free reimbursement rate. This means school year 2018 the average student price in the district must be 2.86 per student lunch. Need to use the Price Equity tool by USDA

Professional Standards for Food Service

Federal Law

Hiring standards for Staff doing Director duties.

Directors or someone completing director duties must have 12 hours training yearly. Person must complete 8 hours of food safety training every 3 years.

All food service staff must complete so many hours of training hours as defined by duties completed.

USDA Flexibility Proposal

District meeting the sodium level 1 requirement will not have findings.

The milk rule is going to allow 1% flavored milk which has not been a problem in Maine

There is proposed offer for some flexibility to the whole grain requirement. There is no Federal guidance at this time.

Upon recommendation of Walter Beesley, Bill Webster moved, Andrew Dolloff seconded, and the Committee unanimously voted to maintain the maximum student lunch paid price at \$3.00.

A question was raised regarding whether schools are able to allocate their electric costs. Mr. Beesley reported that the electric would have to be metered; costs have to be measured methods.

Emil suggested that the DOE audit section may be able to assist with those questions.

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.