

MSSA School Nutrition Committee
Wednesday, June 6, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.
Conference Call Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Tim Doak, Andrew Dolloff, Sue Pratt and Bill Webster

Others Present: Eileen King, Executive Director and Walter Beesley, Child Nutrition Program Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m.

The following information was provided by Mr. Beesley and discussed by committee members.

School Year 2018 MSSA School Nutrition Committee Meeting

Prices charged to students and adults

Secondary (grades 9-12) \$2.82 average with the spread of \$2.05-\$4.00

Elementary (grades PK-8) \$2.62 average with the spread of \$1.50-\$4.00

Combined (all grades) \$2.70

Average adult price \$4.61 average with the spread of \$2.50-\$12.00

Note adult 2.50 is subsidized by district

10 programs requested waivers and were approved

9 were high school or district level. 6 public and 3 private

1 elementary only which was a private school

Chapter 51 rule was appealed effective 4/10/2018 which included the old a la carte rule and price setting requirement.

Recommendations

In the interest of keeping prices reasonable for parents and children with the average price still below the max of \$3.00, I suggest holding another year. Also even though the rule has been appealed these meeting I feel are helpful for all and we now set a suggested max price. Upon motion by Sue Pratt, seconded by Bill Webster it was unanimously voted to set \$3.00 as maximum recommended rate for meals.

USDA topics of interest

USDA foods making additional changes this year on how quantity of food is delivered to local schools. Will not be one major drop but spread out over the school year.

USDA is offering equipment assistance grants this year to Maine 83K. Details soon. Allow equipment from 1,000 and above.

Administrative reviews

The process has become more detailed and has increased the amount of time off-site and on-site to complete. This is pushing back the final reports slightly.

Professional standards

This continues and the standards are based on duties not title. We found that reviews have improved in areas staff is receiving training. So fewer findings compared to other areas/districts. We are going to offer regional training in August, back to basics training, verification training and FFVP all in August and September SY 2019.

Meet federal minimum standards. If you can't meet them, talk with Walter Beesley – standards based on duties, not job description.

Director duties 12 hours per year

Director food safety training 8 hours per 5 years

Manager duties 10 hours per year

Staff 20 hours per week or more 8 hours

Staff less than 20 hours per week 4 hours

Price equity tool for increasing prices per Federal law, effective July is now only required if the district was in the negative on January 31 of each year. This will affect the districts that fail to report correctly or district that do not balance the food service account yearly.

Free and paid students will be reimbursed the same amount.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.