



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Food Service Task Force Committee Meeting (Wednesday, July 10, 2024)

Members present:

Dr. Yarborough, Mike Carter, Mike Degan- United Way Greater New Haven, Dr. Finley, Katelyn Kimball- Director of Agriculture at City Seed, Ms. Nijji -Ife Waters

1. Welcome

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

Dr. Yarborough called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.

Procedural: 1.2 Introductions/Announcements

Dr. Yarborough had the attendees go around and introduce themselves since there were new faces.

2. Updates

Discussion: 2.1 Food Service Update

Mr. Wilcox stated he would like to see an update on the various pilot discussions that were going to take place and where we are with those possible partnerships.

Discussion: 2.2 Food Allergy Plan Update

Ms. Ife-Waters expressed her concerns with feelings of children who suffer from food allergies and how the school system does little to properly and adequately accommodate them. Although policies were created and likely implemented, the assurance of compliance between all of the NHPS staff is not felt by parents. This is collaborative effort of Parents/NHPS staff and Health professionals to ensure the safety and security of the NHPS families.

Mr. Wilcox states the policy must be updated yearly, so all this feedback coming in regarding the policy could be considered during the review/revision policy is very helpful. Dr. Yarborough states the policy review should be expedited to be ready in time for school.

Mr. Mike Carter stated he will confer with the Food Service team of both Baron Young and Jennifer Punzo to better understand the current structure and what needs to change to better communicate and ensure compliance and effectiveness of to protocols going forward.

Discussion: 2.3 Sustainable Food Initiative Update

Mr. Wilcox requested updates on the various pilots last year with some of the school locations participating, to get updates on the pilots.

As well as updates on collaborations with City Seed and possibly Yale Farms.

Discussion: 2.4 Food Gap Subgroup Updates

Mr. Degan provided an update to the committee stating they have been working with the Youth, Family and Community Engagement dept with Gemma Lumpkin, Daniel Diaz and her team. Currently developing a plan and pitch to a work group on Tuesday, more information should be available by the next meeting. Collaborating with parent counselors that are with YFCE dept allows them to collect data in finding out just how many families may be experiencing food insecurity. Helping to identify this helps the organization with fund raising efforts and more.

3. Other Business

Discussion: 3.1 Other Business - If any

4. Adjournment

Action, Procedural: 4.1 Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn at 4:48pm

Motion Passed

Motion by Dr OrLando Yarborough, second by Matthew Wilcox.

Respectfully Submitted,
Salina Manning
Executive Administrative Assistant