

Valley Stream District # 30 Nutrition Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:

March 5, 2024

Location:

Google meet

Attendees:

Marcela Moran, Suzanne Brady, Alysha Torres, Shabeena Shakur, Dara Greenidge-Haynesworth, Colleen Doerr,

Start Time:

2:35 pm

Items discussed:

Revision of previous meeting minutes - December 5, 2023

- Reviewed previous meeting minutes if they had any questions

Menus

- Menus will be published in Parentsquare as an additional way to keep the community informed. The menus are also posted in the schools, and on our website.

Halal Menu

- A request was made that pre order forms be sent out in advance for students wanting Halal meals on a monthly basis.
- Pre orders for Halal food is still being requested in advance

Milk Shortage

- The shortage has seemed to relax a bit.
- Do not need to alert the community as of right now. Aramak says the shortage is not as bad as they originally thought.

Reimbursements

- VS Central high school had completed the refunds for all parents to their School Bucks account.
- If parents are still requesting a refund for lunch money, they must reach out to their building principals and fill out the reimbursement form, which is then sent to the Business Office to issue a check.

Valley Stream UFSD 30 Website

The mission of Valley Stream Union Free School District 30, through collaboration with staff, parents and community, is to educate all students to their fullest potential.

- Website has been simplified to make it more user friendly since reports have come back saying that the website was not user friendly.
- Lunch menus are posted under the school your child attends.
- All menu information is listed by the schools.
- Menu changes are always shared to the schools immediately and sent out to parents through Parents Square.
- All notifications from Aramark to the schools are always consistent

No Cash Policy

- February 1st rolled out no cash procedures
- No cash for ala carte items
- The cafeteria will accept cash, but not giving any cash back
- Checks can be sent to replenish My School Bucks, or replenish funds online into your child's account.
- Aramark does provide snacks, where our old food service company, Whitson's did not provide snacks.
- Parents are concerned about too many snacks during the day
- Parents can limit snacks per day by simply sending in a note and it will pop up on the register in the child's account of whatever restrictions the parents want.
- You can also restrict snacks by having no money on the account.
- All snacks meet the smart snack guidelines, so Aramark is providing the healthiest snack approved for schools.

End time:

3:05 pm

Next Health and Safety meeting date:

06/05/2024

**** Please note a time change to 2pm was requested for the next Nutrition meeting****