

Valley Stream District # 30 Nutrition Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:

October 3, 2023

Location:

Google meet

Attendees:

Marcela Moran, Suzanne Brady, Alysha Torres, Agata Ricupero, Shabeena Shakur

Start Time:

2:35 pm

Items discussed:

Revision of previous meeting minutes - June 2023

- Reviewed previous meeting minutes if they had any questions

Welcome to the New Food Services Provider

- Valley Stream 30 welcomed Aramark as the new food services provider.
- Any member of the community that needs to reach out to Aramark, the phone number is listed at the bottom of the menu on the VS 30 website.
- If you have any food questions, you can reach out to Aramark by email and you will likely receive a same day response. The contacts provided are:
 1. Ricupero-agata@aramark.com
 2. Doer-colleen@aramark.com

CEP-Community Eligibility Provision

- District was approved in the CEP-Community Eligibility Provision. This allows the District to serve free breakfast and lunch to all students. Any student can have breakfast or lunch. You do not have to have School Bucks account for the free lunch or breakfast/
- The CEP does not include al la carte items. Second lunches and snacks outside of the free meal, are considered al la carte and will be charged.
- Parents have been notified through Parent Square that all students are eligible for a healthy breakfast and lunch daily for free.
- Balances that remain on their School Bucks account can remain for al la carte items or refunded, or can be transferred to the High School, for example, for a sibling.

- The CEP was awarded as of July 2023 and the September 1st meal plan is free and will be refunded.

New Menus

- The District will post the menus on our website monthly. The menu also states the al la carte items available daily, along with the charges. Al la carte items will be charged through School Bucks accounts.
- Al la carte items consist of anything that is not a part of the complete breakfast or lunch. Free meals consist of three components. For example, pizza or sandwich, fruit or vegetable, milk or juice. Second, lunches and snacks will be charged.

Communications with PTA Members

- District asked the committee members to communicate with the PTA about the new CEP. The CEP will continue through 2027. After four years VS 30 will have to reapply for eligibility.

Questions forms committee members

- Halal food options have been requested from the community. Aramark, presently, has Halal chicken (nugget) and vegetarian choices. This is an order that must be placed in advance. It isn't an option from the lunch line. It can be ordered in the morning or the day before. As of now, chicken is the only Halal option. It is posted on the bottom of the menu with the daily options.
- Teachers need to be made aware of the Halal option daily. Aramark is looking to expand its Halal choices.

End time:

3:00 pm

Next Health and Safety meeting date:

12/5/2023