

***AES Lunchbox Meeting Minutes***  
**January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Attendees: Val Ulliac, Lori Falk, Mandi Kozniuk, Shawn Horton, Ady Arbuckle, Jen Cerra, Denise Maat, Katie Brown, Allison Usher, Erica Friedt, and Jennie March

Regrets: Lyndi Hamon, Alisha Spence, Cori Maron

1. Called to order at 1:11 pm.
2. Review of minutes from the Dec 6th meeting. Motion by Mandi to accept minutes as written, 2nd by Lori.

**3. Board Member Reports:**

**a. Treasurer Report:**

- Lyndi could not make it. No report

**b. Web Co-ordinator:**

- Alisha could not make it. No report.

**c. Volunteer Co-ordinator:**

- Jen says its going OK

**4. Kitchen Update:**

- Ladies would like another table to serve as an extra moveable work space, muffin tins and bins to replace the Rubbermaid tubs, as they are starting to peel and crack. They are still deciding what they want. They will let us know when they narrow it down.
- Want to add yogurt to the food at the office for kids who forget lunch.
- Some students are coming to the office for snacks (even though they have brought lunches). Apparently the teachers are telling the students that the office has granola bars. We need to remind the teachers what that food is for.
- Free fruit day is going well. Apples will be handed out this Friday.
- Fruit skewers last Friday went well. Mrs. Hill and the kids enjoyed it. It was expensive, we barely broke even, but it was worth it.
- Hood vents were cleaned last week. Invoice is to come.

**5. Chair Report / New Business:**

**1. Bus Cancellation Policy:**

- We received complaints from 5 families about lunches being cancelled when busses were cancelled. Do we need to amend the policy? We could have more bus cancellation days this winter.

- We discussed how if it is unsafe for students to travel to school, then it is also unsafe for kitchen staff. Attendance was 45% or lower on those days, and that having the staff come in and cook it would result in approx. 55% of the food wasted. And if any of the food is opened, even to cook for the students present, then we can no longer donate to the Food Bank. The Strathcona Food Bank received all of the food was paid for but not cooked for Tues-Thurs that week.
- Even if the food is cooked, we are still unable to donate because 'food quality' is jeopardized, as we wouldn't be able to store and transport the food accordingly without the food temperature remaining in the "danger zone".
- Volunteers preparing the food is not an option, as there needs to be someone in the kitchen with a Food Handling Certificate.
- After much discussion, motion by Jennie to leave policy 'as is', but update the website with a tab for the current cancellation policy and the last several meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen Cerra, carried.

## 2. Free Fruit Monthly:

- Jan 31<sup>st</sup> – apples for everyone! Feb 21<sup>st</sup> is banana, March 20<sup>th</sup> is orange, and then we will start over. Fruits may be substituted for veggies if they are looking healthier or availability is better.

## 3. Upcoming Events:

- Jan 31<sup>st</sup> – free hot dog lunch for KC kinder that was rescheduled when the busses weren't running. Jennie and Allison will handle.
- Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – Brownies (pink shirt day)
- March 6<sup>th</sup> – Confetti Sweets day
- March 13<sup>th</sup> – Nitza's Pizza (for AEPSA)
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – COBBS Bread fundraiser (for CPF).
- Apr 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter/spring themed pudding treat
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fruit Salad (with Apple Leaders)
- May ??? – Booster Juice (for AEPSA)
- June 19<sup>th</sup> – Nitza's Pizza
- June 22-25<sup>th</sup> – Pasta Pantry, Subway, Mucho Burrito and Booster Juice (also order in Popcorn Day)

4. Universal Access: Mrs. Mitchell met with us. She has sent an email to see if there are additional families that need our help.

5. Gr 6 Desk Bikes: Gr 6 classes have decided not to proceed with their bike order. They are putting the money toward something else. The bikes we ordered will be delivered next month.

6. Apple Leaders: Did fruit skewers last Friday. It went well – will also do fruit salad with them on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

7. Reading Incentive Granola Bars: the bars have been bought, as requested, but the program is not running yet. Can we give those granola bars to kids in need? Sure, let's use them up. Not sure when the program will start.

8. Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Fundraiser: offered the spring fundraiser to CPF, but they didn't want it. Is there another group who could benefit?

9. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon: no date set yet.

10. Grants: Katie has been looking into grant opportunities. The goal is to get lunch free for everyone. Not sure if it's possible, maybe by next year. Contacted Holy Redeemer, who offers free breakfast, and Davidson Creek, which is offering some free meals, for some feedback. She is still investigating. Also, Lamont School has approached us to have a tour of our kitchen. They have a grant whereby they are supplying free lunch for their whole school, as well as Bruderheim School. They would like to see how we operate. We hope we could also get a tour of their facility. More to come on this.

11. Contribution to AEPESA: gave them a cheque for \$1,150 for the proceeds of their fundraisers (2 Booster Juice, Nitza's and Pasta Pantry).

12. Staff Gift Card: Motion by Mandi to purchase 2 \$50 gift cards for Mrs. Jaramello as a 'Thank You' for all the extra trash she hauls out on our behalf. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lori.

**6. Next Meeting** – March – date not set.

**7. Adjourned @ 2:42 pm**