

Minutes of Big Fresh Catering Meeting 21.11.23

Venue: Llantwit Major School

Time: 09:30

Present: Leanne Tomsa (Business Manager), Rizik Salhab, Cinna Ainsworth-Bibey, Lyla McGuinness (Llantwit Major School Council).



Pam Jones, Sharron Taylor, Big Fresh staff

Minutes

Item	Comments	Actions
Resuming daily food service at break time (10.30am- 11am) in the school canteen	Rizik asked if it would be possible to re-introduce the breakfast service in the school canteen. Big Fresh (BF) staff welcomed this and are more than happy to resume the service of serving food at break times. This will begin in January.	BF to resume break time food in January. School to duty staff the break times.
Menu options	Rizik asked what services are in place at other schools and what food can be expected on the menu. BF explained that they have to comply with Welsh Government healthy eating options and our school will be a pilot school for the menu. There will be sandwiches and baguettes on sale to allow for food to be bought for lunch time. This will help to alleviate the lunch time queues. Lyla asked about food that has been taken off the menu such as bagels and cheesy garlic bread. BF can re-introduce bagels but are unsure if cheesy garlic bread is classed as a healthy option. Examples of food at break times will include, fruit, salad, toasted teacake, bacon/sausage rolls.	BF to inform school of the menu within a few weeks.
Menu boards	Lyla stated that it is difficult to know what food is available. BF explained that there will be new menu boards on display and an app to order in advance.	BF to introduce new menu boards and an app. There is no time scale for this as yet.
Eco	Rizik queried why foil trays are still being used. BF staff stated that foil trays shouldn't be in use as they have been replaced by the biodegradable pots. They assume that this is to use a back log of stock. BF stated that they don't use plastic plates and cutlery as this is not eco-friendly due to cutlery and plates being lost. These would also need to be washed in the dishwasher which is not eco-friendly but still use dishwashers for pots and pans. Cinna asked about bacteria and BF staff confirmed that they are fully trained in environmental health and dishwashing pots and pans eliminates bacteria. Lyla queried the portion sizes of the new biodegradable pots. BF confirmed that they have carried out a weight test of both the new pots and the foil containers and the weight and portion sizes are exactly the same.	BF to check that canteen are not using the foil trays.
Taster Sessions	BF explained that they have run taster evenings for pupils and parents to test the menu options. School Council were keen to progress this and BF agreed to run a taster session in the new year.	School Council to enquire with BF (via Business Manager) in the new year for a taster evening.
	Meeting closed: 11:00	