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## San Francisco Food Security Task Force

### TARGET POPULATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Minutes from May 18, 2006

Department of Children, Youth and Their Families

12:30 PM

#### In Attendance

#### Task Force Members:

Libby Albert, Anne Quaintance, Tim Thole, Daisy Anarchy, and Paula Hamilton

#### Public:

Leah Rimkus, Margueritte Nowak, and Sean Brooks

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 12:35pm by Libby Albert.	None
2. Approval of Minutes from Prior meeting	Minutes from April 20, 2006 were unanimously approved.	Minutes will be sent to Christine Wong Mineta for posting.
3. Finalize recommendations for increasing participation in Summer Lunch Program	<p>Libby passed out draft of strategies for increasing participation in summer lunch program. Group discussed how to set a good numeric goal in terms of increased participation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tim said that the state of California has the highest participation nationwide, 40% of children eligible for free lunch participate in the summer lunch program.</li><li>• Margueritte said that 21% of students eligible for school lunch in San Francisco participate in summer lunch (either SFUSD or DCYF site), with an increase of about 2.5% last year.</li></ul> <p>Other ideas for increasing participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Look at participation in specific neighborhoods, focus resources in areas most in need. Assess differences between communities participating and not participating.</li><li>• Grab n' go was discussed for summer lunch – but could create a lot of litter and may go against regulations which require children to stay on site to eat (food safety).</li><li>• Include lunch as part of the educational day (“nutrition break”) – and follow through with this strategy for the breakfast program as well. Pilot in an elementary, middle,</li></ul>	<p>Change or clarify the goal statement to number or percentage of kids rather than raw percentages (5% increase per year means 250 more kids in the first year).</p> <p>Try piloting lunch as part of the educational day/curriculum in an elementary, middle, and high school next year.</p> <p>Try extending offer versus serve into the summer lunch</p>

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	<p>and high school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include choices, like hot lunch or cold lunch, salad bar, deli bar, fruit/vegetable offer bars, etc. Improve the quality and expand choices – different capacities to do this at school sites and community sites (e.g. staffing, storage, refrigeration). May save costs by reducing deliveries to once/week, but need additional cold storage.</li> <li>• Extend offer versus serve into the summer program, in both summer school and community sites to increase students’ choices and cut down on plate waste.</li> <li>• Could potentially get expansion grant from CDE or money from CDFA for salad bar or other program. Increasing produce in schools is a hot topic state- and nationwide.</li> </ul> <p>Ideas involving outreach and communication around summer lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need banners in Chinese (not just English and Spanish), brochures in Russian</li> <li>• Student Nutrition representative at principals’ meeting encouraging them to not dismiss children until they have walked into cafeteria or eaten lunch.</li> <li>• Leah will be doing training with DCYF sites on nutrition materials and activities that can be incorporated in their summer lunch program. Recreation and Park Department to do physical activity training with summer lunch sites.</li> <li>• Need to have ongoing communication and outreach throughout the summer since participation is highest in July and tends to decrease in August. Also need to communicate/coordinate summer school sites with neighboring community sites since summer school ends earlier than the Mayor’s Summer Food Service Program.</li> <li>• May need to encourage community sites to appreciate the value of providing a meal to more kids in the community if we are sending additional summer school kids their way.</li> </ul> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	<p>program school &amp; community sites with USDA waiver.</p> <p>Consider piloting salad bar, deli bar, offer bar in one school with adequate storage and refrigeration. (SFFB)</p> <p>Order outreach materials (“free lunch”) banners and brochures in Chinese and Russian. Include “delicious” or other word in the “free food” signage.</p> <p>Invite San Francisco Food Bank representative to speak at training for summer lunch sites in June.</p> <p>Let summer school students/families know what community sites will still be open in August for summer lunch.</p>
<b>4. Continue discussion of</b>	The group discussed mechanisms for bringing in more funding for the school meal programs.	

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<p><b>strategies to increase participation in School Lunch and School Breakfast</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SFUSD is applying for a grant through the vitamin settlement money to support expansion of the point-of-sale system.</li> <li>• Governor’s budget includes an increase in the state meal supplement (\$0.06) for breakfasts and lunches served. Group discussed how much money this might be in SFUSD and how the money could be used.</li> <li>• Group discussed SFUSD Student Nutrition’s mandate to balance the budget so as not to encroach on the general fund. This year SNS would likely have had no deficit if it wasn’t for the strike at the beginning of the year.</li> <li>• Anne mentioned the need to prioritize student nutrition in San Francisco in a collaborative way – involving the Board of Education, Board of Supervisors and the Mayor.</li> <li>• Libby mentioned that we need to have data showing how an increase in participation in the school meal programs will not encumber on the general fund.</li> <li>• Tim mentioned that no one that he knows of is doing anything to make lunch part of the school day/educational curriculum.</li> <li>• Group discussed the high cost of labor in SFUSD and how federal reimbursement rates for meals do not cover a healthy, appealing meal in a city like San Francisco where the cost of living is so high.</li> <li>• Leah mentioned that we could show what an extra \$0.10 or \$0.15 per meal could do for the schools meals in San Francisco, and encourage the city to contribute additional money for the program. Group discussed the need for a consistent funding base that could be relied upon for future planning and budgeting, used specifically for the purchase of food.</li> <li>• Libby suggested rounding up the PUC bill with the additional money going to SFUSD to fund the food program. Santa Rosa has a similar program to fund the after school programs.</li> <li>• Libby suggested partnering with restaurants, with an extra \$1 donation would go to meals in local schools. Group discussed that there was not a mechanism for city to collect money from private restaurants.</li> </ul>	<p>Consider program of rounding up PUC bill to create additional funding stream for SFUSD meals.</p> <p>Explore whether State requires approval of school meal application every year.</p> <p>Explore ability to attach school meal application to emergency card and other key forms that are sent home on the first day of school (a “checklist” of forms to return).</p>

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	<p>The group discussed ways to increase the return of the school meal applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leah mentioned that a subcommittee of the SFUSD Student Nutrition and Physical Activity Committee had worked specifically on this issue and used a number of strategies to increase the application returns.</li><li>• Group discussed the value of attaching the meal application to the other forms that are required at the beginning of the school year (e.g. Emergency Card). Because the SFUSD application must be approved by the state prior to being distributed, it has never been ready for distribution on the first day of school. Tim mentioned that this may not be required at the state level.</li></ul> <p>Public Comment: None</p>	
<b>5. Adjournment</b>	<p>Will discuss the School Breakfast Program. May explore changing attendance zones and using a district wide percentage to assess eligibility for the meal programs (summer food, CACFP), allowing any site that wants to participate to be eligible.</p> <p>Will discuss the Child and Adult Care Food Program. One idea proposed was to recruit MPH, RD, child development students/interns to do outreach in licensed child care centers to assess why they are not participating in the CACFP. May explore how exempt child care facilities (not licensed) may participate in the CACFP and earn an additional stipend for food costs.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm.</p>	None