**Food Directors’ Collaborative**

**Meeting Date: 09/16/2014**

*Present: Paul Yettaw, Glen Noffsing, Michelle Morrisey, Melissa Giggy, Angela Myers*

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| Time | Agenda Item & Discussion Notes | Decisions/Next Steps |
| 2:00pm  | Welcome & Introductions* The following schools were represented, Harper Creek, Pennfield, Battle Creek Public, Marshall/Tekonsha.
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|  | Minutes Review * Participants were given minutes from the previous meeting.
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|  | Competitive Guidelines & MDE Recipe for Popcorn * The discussion started with a la carte options.
* Harper Creek reported sales have dropped.
* Pennfield feels their a la carte is staying pretty strong.
* Marshall reported middle school a la carte down and high school has stayed about the same.
* Blue Bunny has novelty items that meet the food guidelines.
* School food services are not selling regular or diet sodas.
* Some breakfast options were discussed among the group to include ideas of make your own yogurt parfaits or make your own sandwich, omelet, or pancake. As well as offering cereal and breakfast sandwiches.
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|  | What is Happening in Calhoun County * Angela shared about Riverside Elementary offering their first Veggie Van at dismissal time.
* The work that Operation Fit is doing and the progress was shared with the group as well as the connection to Breakfast in the Classroom at Fremont and Valley View Elementary.
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|  | MDE Conference October 24 in Traverse City * Paul reminded the group of the conference and let everyone know that the 2015 conference will be in Battle Creek at the McCamly Hotel.
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|  | Grants* Conagra has been donating to schools recently.
* Harper Creek obtained food bags and will be giving those out.
* UDIM has funding for breakfast.
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|  | Successes * Battle Creek has been able to go out this year and speak with schools and students.
* Harper Creek reported they have a great working team this year after some personnel changes. They are also having some success with their dinner program.
* Pennfield has also had some personnel changes and has improved their menu.
* Marshall has had success with the high school and middle school sports.
* All schools are struggling with finding subs.
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