**Food Directors’ Collaborative**

**Meeting Date: 2/12/2015**

*Present: Melissa Giggy, Deborah Mcdowell, Angela Myers, Michelle Morrissey, Glen Noffsinger, Paul Yettaw, Jessica Rapelje.*

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| Time | Agenda Item & Discussion Notes | Decisions/Next Steps |
| 3:00pm | 1. **Welcome & Introductions**  * The following schools were represented: Battle Creek, Harper Creek, Pennfield, Union City, Marshall/Tekonsha. |  |
|  | 1. **Minutes Review**  * Participants were given minutes from the previous meeting. |  |
|  | 1. **One Bank System for Commodities - is it working?**  * All of the group members seem to like it as a single bank service. They are able to go in and allocate how much they want in each different section. It is also nice because the kids like change, so often so there is a larger variety with One Bank. * Survey for Co-Op went out, and they are due 11:59 on the 14th. * Harper Creek DOD Produce- 1/3 about $20,000. Everyone is around 20%. * Last year, there was a cap on it at $15,000. * Canned fruit is more expensive now. * GLC (Great Lake Co-Op) had a webinar yesterday. * Brownbox- All the leftovers from farmers - it would be turkey or ham in 40lb cases, could even be applesauce, or even fruits or veggies. Farmers turn it to the government who gives it to schools for $2.75 a case that is normally around 30lbs. Changes from year to year are always something different. |  |
|  | 1. **Catering Menus- Templates- Costing and sell price**  * Everyone seems to be doing catering, but there is not a standard menu or a template. * Harper Creek does a large amount of catering from graduations, funerals, and weddings. Unless it is for a board member, they charged for everything. * BCP does around $75,000 a year in catering, and most of it is in-house. * Pennfield does in-house only at cost, and labor was donated. They are currently working on building the in-house catering up. Glen just worked with the business manager on building up the cost, such as labor. * Union City is all in-house, the staff breakfast at the beginning of the year and lunch at the end of the year. * Some schools are purchasing the food for boosters and vending machines for athletics. * VenEducation Machine - suggest not leasing. * How are Ala Cart sales going? Some schools are down about 20% or Flat. * Using a GFS Smoothie Machine for about 300 smoothies in 20 minutes. Some schools also use them for lunch. Harper Creek is doing a Smoothie bar on Fridays with 3 different types of yogurts and fruits. They are made to order. The students are able to pick what they want and staff will them make it. They have 8 Ninja blenders and are able to count toward reimbursable meal. * Marshall makes the smoothies before each lunch. | Melissa will share with the group what her menu looks like. |
|  | 1. **Snam Industry Conference**  * March 12th at Eagle Eye Golf Course in Bath, Michigan. |  |
|  | 1. **Successes and Challenge for the school year.**  * **Battle Creek-** Challenge with staffing, theft rate, and also going through a change in the district. Operation Fit helped change a rate of 30% to 90% for students eating breakfast. Currently they are working on Districtwide breakfast in the classroom. Feeding more kids even though the enrollment is down. * **Harper Creek-** Challenges with staff issues and Ala Cart - trying to come up with new creative ideas. One other large challenge is there is no heat in the kitchen or cafeteria so the kids do not want to eat because it is so cold. Participation is at the lowest ever. * **Pennfield-** Few staffing challenges along with certain product issues. A success is breakfast and added breakfast in the classrooms. The high school is super low with 1st chance breakfast looking at different options. Also going to start a coffee, tea, and smoothie juice bar. * **Union City-** Would like to try breakfast in the classroom and are trying to get past the teachers allowing it in the classroom. Successes for Wellness Wednesdays where teachers are coming out to have lunch with the students and adding conversation components. * **Marshall/Tekonsha-** Staffing is an issue. Successes are breakfast vending machines along with the smoothie bar. | Interested in going to see other schools. |
|  | 1. **Adjourn**  * Thursdays are the worst days for meetings due to information due at 5 p.m. * Sophomore Future Track- Need a free and reduce lunch list to Harper Creek. | **Next Meeting:**  Thursday, April 16th, 2015  2-3 p.m. BCCF Board Room |