



Food Committee Agenda - Minutes

Thursday 11 October 2018, 12:00 to 1:00pm, Parents Room 108 in MFL Building

Attendees:

Regents: Susan Dineen, Kirsty Paiboontanasin, Hannah Naowasuk

Epicure: Sakdapaipan (Zack)

Parents: Rika Dewina, Khun Vicky

1. Review of minutes from last meeting:
 - 1.1. Issue of running out of food in Secondary was raised. ACTION: Susan and Kirsty to observe
 - 1.2. Tuck shop BBQ option – sign showing what is being served is now in place as requested by parents
 - 1.3. Special larger portion size option to be introduced in Secondary. Larger serving (30% more) now available for extra 20THB. Primary can already request larger portion or return for more but are also being asked to think about not being wasteful.
2. New Items:
 - 2.1. Washing hands before eating in Primary – this is one of the duty stations for a teacher already.
 - 2.2. Suggestion made to have a chilli symbol to indicate how spicy a dish is (1 chilli, 2 chilli's, etc.) ACTION: Zach
 - 2.3. Picture of food being served that day – example on display in EP already, TV installed in Secondary to do this, will look at having TV at entrance to Primary to show dishes being served. ACTION: Kirsty
 - 2.4. Epicure Regional team have been to observe Primary canteen. Queuing time was no longer than 3 minutes, which is well below the average in other schools of 6 minutes. They have brought in 5 extra staff to the Primary canteen with cleaning being part of their duties.
 - 2.5. Parents have asked if the noodle station in Primary can be moved and then have an extra serving window for the other dishes. This has been investigated but it would make queuing worse, the windows less accessible and issues with children have to cut through queues to get to noodle or salad bar and to their seats.
 - 2.6. It was confirmed that the Primary canteen is due for renovation next summer.
 - 2.7. As suggested by parents the servers now have the plates to give to the children in Primary rather than the students picking up their plate to take to the window. This is helping to speed up serving and less accidents with plates.
 - 2.8. In the Primary canteen it was confirmed that there is a choice of a dessert on Thursday which alternates between Asian and Western style. Two choices of fruit are always available.
 - 2.9. Suggested dish from parents is a Thai style omelets filled with vegetables. ACTION: Zach
 - 2.10. Zach confirmed that salad and fruit is covered until it is time to serve.
 - 2.11. Food safety was raised and Kirsty confirmed that Epicure follow very strict food safety standards. Samples are taken of all food which are kept frozen for 1 week in case there is any need to test food.

Next meeting: Friday 9 November, 12-00 to 1:00pm in Parents Room, 108