



Child Nutrition Advisory Board Meeting

Fall 2024

Date: December 10, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Zoom meeting, link provided in email and newsletter announcements and on website

Attendees

D'Ann Hart (Director of Child Nutrition), Rachel Farmer (Child Nutrition Assistant), Ashley Olson (parent), Milton Prado (parent), Ashley West (parent, child nutrition manager elsewhere), Valentina Chernova Ruiz (parent), Maritza Colmenares De Gil (parent), Elyssa Mendoza (parent), Sarah Basinger Sutton (parent), John Basinger (student), Aleksandr Chernov (student), Andrea Robinson (parent), Victor (parent), Tera Dominguez (nurse, parent), Charis Dixon (parent), Anna Bergman (SLA Manager), Margarita McCarty (SLA Manager), Jerry McClay (SLA Manager), several other parents with anonymous Zoom names.

Agenda

- Introductions
- Program Updates & USDA Foods at Great Hearts
- Learn: In the Cafeteria
- Participant Feedback
- General Questions

Meeting slides: <https://texas.greatheartsamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/46/2024/12/Advisory-Committee-Meeting-Fall-2024.pdf>

Summary

D'Ann Hart hosted the meeting and covered the upcoming added sugar limits, how USDA Foods are implemented in the cafeterias, and photos of the serving lines, cafeteria, and food. She also educated parents what a "full complete meal" looked like versus the "minimum complete meal." Parent and student feedback was regarding schools serving "on menu," having enough for everyone, school lunch duration, and specific food items. There was also expressed interest in the Farm to School grant and wanting to look more into that. Parents learned that the guidelines that we must follow come from USDA and to change them, they must lobby their Representatives in Congress.