

Fall 2025 School Nutrition Advisory Committee Meeting

Agenda - Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, December 9th, 2025, 6:30pm

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. Welcome
 - b. SLA Introductions: Wayne Walker (Sr. General Manager), Jeremy Alemao (San Antonio Regional Manager), Anna Bergman (DFW Regional Manager)
2. Program Updates
 - a. Breakfast Sugar Limits are in effect
 - b. Vending Machines: We are working to adjust the current Wellness Policy to allow for vending machines that serve Smart Snack compliant items in the Upper Schools. Feedback from parents and students support this.
 - c. Food Service Management Contract: We are working on the renewal for the 2026-2027 school year. It is our last available renewal on the current contract. Great Hearts will be conducting an FSMC RFP next year for the contract that begins in the 2027-2028 school year. Part of that RFP is the 21-day menu, which we will work on this coming spring semester. The menu will be based on feedback and surveys and will be discussed and finalized at the Spring FSMC Advisory Committee Meeting.
3. Parent Questions and Feedback
 - a. Breakfast - not enough protein every day - can we add protein to some of the grain-based items? Or have more protein items?
 - b. Portion sizes/Kids still hungry - Portion sizes are based off USDA guidelines and restrictions. Changes would need to be made at the federal level for us to offer larger portions. Students are allowed to take up to 2 of EACH fruit and vegetable offered, so they can fill their plate with a lot of healthy sides if they are hungry.
 - c. Whole milk? - We cannot serve whole milk unless USDA changes the rules.
 - d. Concern over menu changes - We are taking steps to minimize menu changes. Most menu changes are due to a supply delivery issue and are not known until the actual delivery. If a change needs to be made, SLA should communicate

that to the campus as soon as it is known, as well as update the NutriSlice menus. We are also exploring other communication options for any other manageable solutions.

- e. Cheese on the side? - We will look to see what entrees we can adjust to be able to offer the cheese on the side for those students who cannot or do not want cheese.
- f. Sunbutter & Jelly entrees need to last the entire meal service.
- g. Alternative milk - If a student cannot have milk and would like a soymilk substitute, we can offer that upon parent request. If the student needs something other than soy milk, then the parent will need to submit a Medical Meal Accommodation form, signed by a doctor.
- h. Student Feedback - popular entrees: Sunbutter & Jelly sandwiches, chicken nuggets, pizza, carrots. Specific request to "bring the burritos back." I believe this refers to the "burrito" meat pocket served during National School Lunch week.
- i. One parent specifically mentioned that she (and her kids) were happy with all of the vegetable and fruit side options.

Attendance:

- D'Ann Hart, Director of Child Nutrition, Great Hearts Texas
- Wayne Walker, Sr. General Manager, SLA
- Jeremy Alemao, Regional Manager, SLA
- Anna Bergman, Regional Manager, SLA
- 5 parents from Forest Heights, Irving Upper, and Irving Lower
- 5 students from Forest Heights, Irving Upper, and Irving Lower