

Ashland School District No. 5, Jackson County Oregon –the Food Services Advisory Committee met in a work session on Monday, December 14, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. in the District Board Room.

Present were:

Eric Sandrock )  
Tracy Harding )  
Shannon Wolff )  
Jill Williams )  
Laura Roll )  
Jill Turner )  
Eva Skuratowicz )  
Ruth Alexander )  
Karen Green )  
Mary Shaw )

Members absent: Ahtena Storm, Nicholas Dake

Community Members in Attendance: Cindy Drought, Jeff Ashmun, Melinda Lidbetter, Candy Hines, two drivers from Food Services of America.

I. The meeting was called to Order at 3:45 p.m.

II. General Discussion

Guest speakers from Food Services of America spoke about food products and produce delivery from their company. A conference call ensued between the head of their food purchasing department and our committee. She talked about the Applegate Food Co-op to which many Oregon School Districts belong. The idea is to be able to purchase at lower prices than we would be able to purchase alone. Because we are not a large district, to be part of a Food Co-op would give us more control and better prices. She sounded very accommodating and willing to answer questions.

Two drivers explained delivery possibilities. Delivery will be cheaper and more convenient if we have a central location, but it is possible even if we don't. We discussed the possibility of using a room at Lincoln School for dry goods, with school district employees bringing the goods as needed to the different schools. We also mentioned the

large refrigerator space at the Middle School and the High School for quantity buying.

Discussion led to an explanation of what is entailed in joining the Applegate Co-op; the possibilities of working with the Ashland Food Coop on some purchasing; the possibilities of using seasonal produce from our school gardens; and the value of bulk purchasing. Many of the districts we visited are able to divert their government commodities to local restaurants in order to create better choices and more “restaurant” type food for their cafeterias.

III. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Alexander.

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Chair

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Clerk