



**Mandated Topic:**  N/A

**Topic of Interest:** Lida Gaines, Supervisor – Child Nutrition Services, shared with members that she has worked for 17 years in Child Nutrition Services (CNS) and she monitors the Child Nutrition Services staff and the procedures at school sites. She noted that they are currently short staffed. Ms. Gaines explained that menus are created according to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, which includes whole grains, reduced fat, and low sodium. Elementary schools’ informational guide and nutritional data provides verification that all foods served to students meet the standards. They have a buying guide, staff who cook, deliver and serve student meals. She stated that the health department has safety standards. The CNS staff must be certified. Also they rely on company bids to ensure quality and the best prices. CNS has six menus including middle schools, on site cooking, breakfast, and no-cost breakfast in class provided at 7 sites. She emphasized that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. She explained that CNS tries to serve foods children like. She gets feedback from parents to provide choices that meet the 550-650 calorie standards. A parent commented that her child loved the salad bar that is rotated at school sites. Another parent expressed concerns about quality noting that there have been instances of expired milk and cheese. Ms. Gaines stated she needs to know when there are problems or concerns. She also explained about applications for free and reduced lunches offered to families. A member made the suggestion that students take tours of CNS or see videos on food prep, and have recipe contests. Ms. Gaines shared how members could email her or access myschoolbucks.com via the Evergreen School District website.

**Other Topics or Presentations: (parent input/advice/comments):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Follow-up on Topic(s): (Action by whom?)**  N/A

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The meeting was adjourned:**  7:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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