

Special Finance Subcommittee Meeting – Draft Minutes

October 1, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Attendance:

Jenny Emery	Present	Jordan Grossman	Present
Mark Fiorentino	Present	Anna Robbins	Present
David Peling	Present	Stephanie Noto – Consultant Guest	

Meeting commenced at 4:05 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

1. Public Comment: None

2. Food Service Update: Anna reviewed the memo outlining the situation and went through 4 scenarios for reducing the daily financial loss that is resulting from the dramatically reduced participation in the food service program at the schools. The federal SSO program option has been extended, and the analysis is that participating in it is financially beneficial to Granby under any scenario. In addition, the experience of others is that when food is offered for free, to all, the participation increases significantly. The administration's recommendation is to start the fall SSO program, promote it aggressively, and continue to work with Fresh Picks to reduce expenses short of consolidating to the single kitchen model. The consultant advises this is the best way to assure healthy and attractive food, and get the student body exposed to it, in the belief that when SSO goes away, kids will continue to buy the food at least at the levels they did under the old food program. There was agreement that the situation would be monitored closely, and we would see what the numbers look like in two to three weeks. Absent substantial improvement in the numbers, the next step would be to dramatically reduce expense through a single-kitchen approach.

With no other business, Mark moved and Jenny seconded adjournment at 4:50 p.m.