

## **Food Service Board Report November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

### **Introduction:**

My name is Naomi McDonald, I have been with the school district since August, in a lessor role. I was promoted to Food Service Coordinator in mid October. I am excited to take on this role and make a difference for our food service department. I have extensive experience in food service management that has served me well in this role thus far.

### **Financials:**

When taking over this role I was not surprised to see that more than half of our budget for purchasing food was already spent, as I am the fourth person since the beginning of this fiscal year that has been in charge of purchasing. I have been working really hard to get our program on the right side of the budget and I believe we are in a good place for the rest of the school year. I am also looking into our FFVG (Fresh Fruit and Veggie grant) to make this program work more affectively and efficiently for our schools. We may be able to start getting fresher produce delivered every two weeks from a co-op. I have been in touch with the community member that facilitates and coordinates the orders.

### **Trainings:**

I have been actively seeking out trainings and development materials. I have had many phone trainings with state workers. Just last week Mrs. Robin Tennille, the inspector that is contracted through the state, came out to train me on the inspection process. She left me with much needed information and resources. Mrs. Priscilla Goulding arranged training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for the Food Service and Agricultural Departments at the beginning of the month. Johanna Heron from the Division of Agriculture in Palmer facilitated this.

### **Future Plans and Goals:**

I have spent the first month really digging into the specifics and requirements for the NSLP (National School Lunch Program). I am now well educated on our counting and claiming procedures and have made good headway on keeping up with claiming reimbursable meals as required by the program. I have reformatted our CEP school counting systems and implemented that this week. The method we were using prior was not in compliance with state regulations. My biggest goal for our future is to lessen the use of paper products in our schools and replace with washables. Mrs. Goulding and I have discussed lessening our waste up to 80% for our Farm to School grant and it is my belief that this initiative with help us achieve that goal.

### **Conclusion:**

I am really excited to do my part for the overall health and happiness for all of the children in the Southeast Island School District. It is my pleasure to be a part of this program and make a difference in the lives of students and staff. I look forward to setting this program up for future success.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this program,

*Naomi M. McDonald*