

African American Parent Involvement Day
Menu Discussion
Agenda
Tuesday, October 28, 2008
3:30 – 4:30 PM

Purpose and Overview of the Meeting

Questions:

1. What is your favorite school lunch memory?
2. When someone says authentic or traditional foods and/or menu, what do you think?
3. Based on your answer to the question above, what would you want to see on the African American Parent Involvement Day menu?
4. What can we do to create a cafeteria environment inviting for parents to join their children for breakfast or lunch?

Wrap-up and Thank you!

Location

- Maxfield Magnet School
- School Conference Room
- 380 N. Victoria St.
- Saint Paul, MN 55104

Supplies

- Flip Chart Paper
- Markers
- Name Badges
- Sign-in Sheet

Participants

- Nathan Sorensen, Facilitator
- Dianne Wortz, Recorder
- Shelly Keaton, Supervisor Randolph
- Charlene Johnson, Supervisor Nokomis
- Martina Edwards-Golden, NSA Cherokee
- Dana Abrams, Administration Staff
- Belinda Green, principal Maxfield
- Four parents from Maxfield

Purpose: To gather input and ideas from parents, staff and administrators regarding our African American Parent Involvement Day breakfast and lunch menus.

Deliverable: A menu makeover of the African American Parent Involvement Day menu that reflects the cultural authenticity of the community.

History: Ten years ago Nutrition Services met with a group of community members to create the current menu.

INTRODUCTIONS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Thank-you for agreeing to participate in this group discussion today. The second Monday each February is the annual National African American Parent Involvement day to “Take your child to school/Visit your child in school.” In particular, we would like to ask for your input on how to:

1. Improve on the menu
2. Create a warm and welcoming environment

Keep in mind we have cost and serving constraints. We have a process for developing, testing, and introducing Healthy Hits to students. We need your help to brainstorm ideas for a menu make over. This is the first step. Your opinions and feedback will be used to guide the menu maker over for AAPID.

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Question 1

Please tell me your name, the grades of your school aged children, along with what your favorite memory of school lunch.

Question 2

When someone says authentic or traditional foods/menu, what do you think?

What is important to you?

Probe

Would you explain further?

Would you give an example?

Can you talk more about that?

Question 3

Distribute “February 2008 menu” to participants. This menu was developed over ten years ago with community involvement. Please take a moment to glance through the menu.

Based on your answers to question #2, what would you want to see on AAPID?

Question 4

What can we do to create an environment inviting for parents to join their children for breakfast or lunch on AAPID?

THE WRAP-UP

Thank you again for your participation. The information will be used to continue our menu make-over of AAPID. Any closing comments/things we haven't discussed?

Pause and Probe

Would you explain further?

Would you give me an example?

What exactly do you mean by saying...

Can you give me an example of what "xxxx" means to you?

Can you give an example?

Help me understand what you mean.

Can you talk about that more?