

**Mount Prospect School**  
**General PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**December 9, 2015**

**Aramark Presentation: Steven Tardibuono, Food Service Director**

- Water bottle is now included in meal, no longer added charge
- Menu: allergen information included since last year; additionally, vegetarian options
  - Recommends if child has food restrictions, speak with Diane and look at box with ingredient label
  - Each morning, menu is reviewed for possible allergens, but vendor may substitute products without notice
- *Parent Question:* What comes with a meal and how many choices are there?
  - Can choose any entrée, 5 items with a minimum of 3 and 1 must be fruit or vegetable
  - Burger/pizza count as 2
- *Parent Question:* Is allergen cross contamination a problem?
  - The kitchen cannot guarantee foods are not processed in facilities without cross contamination
  - Pop on register is available to alert cashier of child's allergen when purchase code is entered
- *Parent Question:* 6 year old is not buying items to fulfill meal plan so it is costing extra money
  - Lunch aides can assist
  - Can add pop up to your child's account so allows meal plan only
- *Parent Question:* Where does low cost lunch funding come from?
  - By school district
  - Still have menu choices
- *Parent Question:* Are organic options available?
  - Not yet at elementary schools; certain items at high school
  - Maybe local produce vendors? Or companies with less artificial flavors and colors?
    - Limited by company contracts what choices are available, maybe in the future since there is an increasing demand
- *Parent Question:* How to deposit funds?
  - Myschoolbucks.com for deposits
    - Have looked into raising deposit limit, but now it is locked at \$135
  - Nutrikids is cash register system
    - Can add notes to pop up
- *Parent Question:* How is food served and is waste kept track of?
  - Served on hard plastic trays
  - Waste is weighed every day
  - Not composted

- *Parent Question:* How can we follow up on artificial flavor and coloring?
  - All through National contracting
  - Could be very long to change
  - They try to buy locally when they can
- *Parent Question:* Explain Farm to School on website
  - Not started up after all, will be taken off website
  - Aramark goes to produce vendors and vendors obtain fruits etc.
  - Most comes from Cisco

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**Ms. Hozeny answered parent questions:**

- PARCC scores will be sent out soon. MPS did very well. Cannot compare to NJASK, it is different
- Dr. Heineman will be here at our next PTO meeting in February. Ms. Hozeny and Mr. Ciempola can answer any additional questions as well.
- Graffiti is being dealt with. Please don't talk about it on social media. This was discussed with older grades.
- PTO is looking for beautification chair and looking for flexible volunteers for International Day
- Looking for wrapping paper tubes for International Day dance
- Any chance we could add flashing lights on Hansom to make people slow down? Staff is lways working to manage traffic.