

Hot Lunch Report – May 2017

Our most popular hot lunch days are:

1. Pizza and Smoothies
2. Hot Dog day
3. Sushi/Subway day

Changes to hot lunch –

- Switched from individual boxed pizza slices from Fresh Slice to full pizzas from Dominos which we hand out in labelled pizza bags thereby reducing the amount of recyclables left over after pizza days which was a concern put forth from the Administration.
- Vendors were removed from our list ie. A Movable Feast
- Vendors were added such as a local smoothie company, The Local Lift, run by a North Vancouver mom – which ties into our push to support our local community and support local small business and also met all of the nutritional requirements of the Hot Lunch guidelines.
- Catherine Cantas acted as the day leader for Tuesdays and Claudia Harrington acted as the day leader for Thursdays.
- Reduced the number of offerings from Well Fed and boosted offerings from Foodie Kids due to cost increases and loss of profit
- We also changed the number and ordering for the hot lunch sessions, which did cause some confusion but ultimately, lead to a smoother transition between terms with vendors and parents (from what I've been told)

Issues facing hot lunch in 2017/2018

- Lack of Thursday dayleader position with Claudia leaving
- Lack of Hot Lunch Coordinator position with Lianne leaving
- Options will be to cut back to one day or cancel completely which will affect our MPAC budget drastically as it is our largest fundraiser.
- Lack of volunteers for hot lunch has been a recurring issue throughout the year but has seemed to be less of an issue as of late
- Loss of interest in many of the products offered by our current vendors and a lack of replacement vendors in the marketplace

Vendors

- Both Well Fed and Foodie Kids put up their prices which has begun to erode our profits especially where Well Fed is concerned as the cost for the individual products has become too high in many areas for us to make an adequate profit and still make it a viable option for parents.
- The decision was made to reduce the Well Fed days and increase the Foodie Kid days but overall the ordering has slowed for our less popular days such as comfort food.
- Overall, customer service from all our vendors has been good with a few very minor exceptions