

Wellness Committee Meeting #2 – School Year 2025–2026

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: Village Elementary School, Conference Room #2

Attendance

- Amanda Tarantino – CNS Supervisor/RD
 - Charity Campbell – CNS Director
 - Kristina Yeager – CNS Intern
 - Vela Van Waay – Student
 - Wilhelmina Collins – Student
 - Blaire Kern – Student
 - Cael Kelly – Student
 - Charlie Smith – Student
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Meeting Summary

Current Local School Wellness Committee Goal:

To increase student meal satisfaction by empowering student leadership and voice through the creation of the **Student Nutrition Advisory Committee (SNAC)**.

Discussion Topics

1. Student Nutrition Advisory Committee (SNAC) Responsibilities

- Roundtable discussions focused on food quality.
 - Suggestions for improving menu offerings to better align with student preferences.
 - Ideas for student involvement in promoting school meals among peers.
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2. Strengths of the CNS Department

Students highlighted favorite menu items, including:

- Brunch4Lunch
- Pizza crunchers

- Chicken drumstick
 - Pizza
 - Macaroni and cheese
 - Corn
 - Watermelon
 - Fresh plums
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3. Areas for Improvement

Students provided feedback and suggestions:

- Ensure food is served at an appropriate temperature; some items were reported as not hot enough.
 - Improve quality of turkey sausage.
 - Address occasional overcooking of pizza.
 - Reduce inconsistency in taste for the same menu item.
 - Increase vegetarian options (e.g., tofu or meat substitutes).
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4. SNAC Committee Initiatives Discussed

- Implement taste-test stations for new menu items to gather feedback and determine menu retention.
 - Offer one additional daily option, such as:
 - Yogurt and crackers
 - Hummus and crackers
 - Sunbutter sandwiches
 - Provide more condiments and sides with meals (e.g., offer dill pickles more than once per week).
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Next Meeting

Week of March 2, 2026

Location: Village Elementary School – Conference Room #2

Meeting Adjourned: 12:30 PM on December 10, 2025