



## November 2nd - Meeting Notes

### **Attendees:**

Roxanne Meyers  
Trudy McKanna  
Beth Herrema  
Suzie Christensen

**Purpose of meeting:** *To review the Michigan bill SB 233 status and discuss status of efforts to get a hearing date set for this bill before the end of this legislative session.*

- \* The bill was reviewed and we discussed the family/friends letter we sent out to members.
- \* Trudy has experience with the legislative process due to a bill she has been proposing for her work association. She informed us of the process this takes and the real possibility that the bill will not get a hearing date and we will need to start over with it to find a new sponsor. The current sponsor for the bill was not re-elected due to term limits. Trudy did research another co-sponsor of the bill, Senator Gleason, and he was re-elected so we can pursue him as a sponsor again if it comes to it.
  - *update: on advise of the Legislative advocate at FAAN, we have requested a meeting with Senator Kuipers. Trudy has a friend who lives and teaches in Kuipers district as well as having a son with a life-threatening allergy. Kuipers office is supposed to get back to her after Wednesday with a possible meeting time.*
- \* We discussed Halloween - school parties, thrick-or-treating, tips that work, etc.
- \* Suzie brought up an issue she had recently at the Pizza Hut in Greenville. She said they advised her the pizza crust had the possibility of cross-contamination with nuts because of how it was manufactured. This is a good issue to research and advise FAAN because they would want to send out an alert if a national chain doing this without posting it somewhere. I went on the pizza hut site and found the allergy grid (attached to this email). According to the grid, the crust should be safe. This should be addressed with the restaurant individually.
  - *side note: When seeing this grid it reminded me of something I'd really like to see developed for the Rockford School Lunch Program. I emailed it to John Henry and asked if we could be involved in developing something like this. I will let you all know what I find out.*
- \*We also talked about the Cakes for Kids program for Valley View which brought up the issue of how to families of limited means handle it when their kids have food allergies. We all know how expensive it gets and we were thinking it might be a nice way for our group to give back to the community. Beth Herrema is checking with North Kent Service Center to see if there is a need for allergy-safe items for their food baskets. If so, we will let everyone know and coordinate a way to get together and make a "food allergy donation".

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 7:00pm at Arnies.