

2.16.23 Budget Advisory Meeting Notes:

Lois Standring (staff) opened up the meeting by welcoming the group back. She went through the 3 different groups and which members make up each group. Lois then discussed the supplied handouts to the group.

1. One-time funding with balances and expiration dates – February 2022-2023
2. Positions funded by categorical or one-time money 2022-2023.

Lois recapped the two grant handouts given at that January meeting: Arts, Music & Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant and Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant.

The committee broke out into small groups, continuing work from past meetings. Small groups reported out the following to the committee:

GROUP 1: Attendance/Programs/New Revenue Streams

How to attract and retain students: (more detail to come on the below from group members)

1. Grant writer / community outreach position
2. Tutors at all grade levels – before and after school
3. Credentialed staff to help with prep periods
4. Better marketing/promotions for schools – specialized programs
5. Teacher workshops and collaboration time
6. Admin position (or teacher release time-sub) at each site that frees up teacher time
7. Stipends for hard to fill teacher position
8. Math/Science experts
9. Academic counselors (more)

GROUP 2: School Configuration/System Efficiencies/Staffing Ratios

Group dissolved this meeting

GROUP 3: Creativity with One-Time Money

- New Books/Supplies into Elementary & Middle School Libraries (materials & equipment)
- Increase library hours from 6.5 hours to 8 hours per day for Middle & HS
 - \$10,000 per year for 5 years was mentioned, amount to be determined
 - Two sources of funds
 - i. What's left from the Art Block Grant from last year
 - ii. Parcel Tax funds (library tech increased hours)

Lois discussed in length the “One-time funding with balances and expiration dates-February 2022-2023” document. She went through each funding source and gave spending details. Lois explained the other handout, “Positions funded by categorical or one-time money”. This handout breaks out positions and costs.

Next steps:

- Groups to ask more questions, finalize work and recommendations and send to Ashley/Lois
- Bring recommendations to the Board of Trustees
 - Lois will bring to Agenda planning to determine Board meeting date