

1.12.23 Budget Advisory Meeting Notes:

Lois Standring (staff) opened up the meeting by welcoming the group back. Mention of the committee size reducing the last two meetings was made. Lois briefly discussed the last two meetings and read through the 1.12.23 agenda and the supporting documents.

In discussing the two grant handouts, Arts, Music & Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant and Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant, a lengthy discussion came about regarding recommendations on how that money could and should be spent. Many ideas were brought up and Lois would like members to work on gathering details/plans on those.

The committee broke out into small groups (continued work from past meetings):

GROUP 1: Attendance/Programs/New Revenue Streams

- Separating issues into elementary / Middle / High School
 - How to generate income and increase with staffing to help bring programs back.
 - Get feedback from teachers on this
- The group is going to work on this in more depth via email and provide the information to Lois/Ashley.

GROUP 2: School Configuration/System Efficiencies/Staffing Ratios

- Safer Bathrooms
- Teacher empowerment (conferences, PD)
- Mindset work (positive mindset)

GROUP 3: Creativity with One-Time Money

- Chromebook sustainability (2-5 grades Chromebooks shouldn't come home - less damage)
- Boosting the libraries
- Afterschool programs
- Boost music and arts

Homework:

- Proposals to take to the Board based on small group work (members that were present)
- The District is forming a staff committee to plan for the use of this one-time money. Lois looking for input to provide the committee. The handouts explain the two largest pots of one-time money.

Next month the committee will be discussing these ideas as well as finalizing any proposals to the Board the small groups have developed.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 16, 2023

Questions:

1. Average salary for teachers