

COMMUNITY BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
April 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes; 6:30 P.M.; Mahonia Conference Room

Members Present: Gabrielle Mercedes Bolivar, Dick Cherry, Sara Kerr, Justin Elardo, Roger Kirchner, Judah McAuley, Alice Perry, Irina Phillips, Harmony Quiroz, and Betsy Salter.

Members Absent: Nicole Kennedy.

Others Present: Ryan Dutcher, Molly Bradley, staff.

I. CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET (Ryan Dutcher, Molly Bradley, All; 120 minutes)

We reviewed the school-site budget allocation trends and how they relate to the overall budget. We looked at the target numbers for the central office cuts totaling approximately \$24.3 million. The Central Office budget is not complete – it was at about 40% complete as of the meeting with the hope to complete most of it by the April 17th FAO meeting. The powerpoint has been posted to the shared drive.

We reiterated concerns about the extent of the unknown cuts at the central office and how these cuts will affect the backbone of services that PPS provides. We also discussed how enrollment instabilities are affecting overall staffing, particularly at the K-5 grade levels, and how this is due both to the legislature's unwillingness to enact statewide revenue reform but also the board's unwillingness to analyze focus option schools and more affluent schools in boundary drawing.

II. CBRC Report (All; 30 minutes)

CBRC will review the superintendent's proposed budget at the scheduled **Thursday, April 26th** meeting and present to the full board on **Tuesday, May 8th**, a report that addresses the budget as a whole and our standard local option levy report. Please hold **Thursday, May 3rd** as an optional meeting date depending on our progress on the report.

We brainstormed a list of key issues and themes that we would like to address in our annual report including: equity (enrollment balancing, opening of middle schools, equity allocation shift and evaluation tools); the staffing model (issues it resolves, problems it does not yet address); central office budget cuts (how significant, what does it take to keep the lights on); evaluation; instability in enrollment (admonishment to the legislature; admonishment to the board regarding schools and communities that remain untouched);

Harmony will start a broad draft to be shared via google drive. All members should write notes into the shared document prior to the April 26th meeting so that we have a solid starting place during that meeting.

III. MEETING PROTOCOLS (All; 15 minutes)

We discussed different possible protocols that we can establish to make our meetings more productive and ensure that everyone feels they have a voice in the meeting.

During the next meeting, we will establish goals and review the agenda before beginning the meeting. Gabrielle will take minutes for the meetings going forward. We will have one (rotating)

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member facilitate the group by taking names for comment during the conversation, keeping the conversation focused on the established agenda and goals, and keeping time. Additional protocols may be established to best suit the needs of the group as a whole.

IV. NEXT MEETING (All; 5 minutes)

The next meeting is Thursday, April 26th. Meetings are from 6:30-8:30pm in the **Mazama Conference room** at BESC. We will discuss the central office budget allocations.