

COMMUNITY BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
January 8th, 2016 Meeting; 6:30 P.M.; Willamette Conference Room

Members Present: Anjala Ehelebe, Roger Kirchner, Eilidh Lowery, Harmony Quiroz, Betsy Salter, Tom Fuller, Scott McClain, Rita Moore, and Patrick Stupfel..

Members Absent: Christy Cowgill, Dick Cherry

Others Present: Paul Anthony, Board of Education Director; David Wynde and Sara Bottomly, staff.

I. MEETING MINUTES: We reviewed and approved minutes from the December 3rd, meeting. (Harmony Quiroz; 5 minutes)

II. PPS PRINCIPLES DISCUSSION: (Sara Bottomly, David Wynde, All; 90 minutes)

There was a review of the edited version of the “Decisions Should Be Driven by Data” policy and a brief discussion of the ideas that guided the discussions last month. In particular, the group wanted to ensure that the principles included both student achievement and students’ experiences in schools.

A lively discussion on the principles of “Base Resourcing Decisions on the Total Value Created for Children” resulted in breaking the principle into two separate principles – cost-effectiveness and prioritizing funding in the core program. Significant edits made to the GFOA suggested language. Harmony will compile edits and send to committee by email for review and clarification. CBRC will review by email with the goal of having a final draft by the end of January/February meeting.

III. BUDGET POLICIES: (David Wynde, All; 30 minutes)

We started the next phase of the GFOA budgeting process. We had a brief discussion of the existing contingency and reserves policy and the concept of a balanced budget.

With guidance from Director Paul Anthony, we decided that our primary goals with regards to policies would be to define the idea/concept of each and the reasons to support them. Staff will help draft the actual policies.

Next meeting will focus on completing the Reserves and Balanced Budget policies. We will also look at existing policies and prioritize and plan the discussion for the remaining budget policies.

IV. BUDGET TEMPLATE FORMAT DISCUSSION: (David Wynde; 5 minutes)

Pushed to February Meeting.

V. NEXT MEETING: February 4th, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Willamette Conference Room to discuss Budget Template and continue Budget Policies Discussion. (All; 5 minutes)