

Bluff Ridge Community Council Meeting Agenda (DRAFT)

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 8:00 AM via Zoom

Adrienne Kennett		Kristin Smith		Taylor Adams	A	Tiffany Harmon	
Brenda Gleed		Debi Thompson		Richard Baird		Dana Jensen	
Kim Eschler		Sondra Trillo	A	Alisa Becker	A	Krista Nance	A
Jyll Padilla	A	Sarah Yates		Diane Dayton	A	Katie Scholer	
				Kristie Gardner	A	Chris & Natalie Wood	A

- Welcome

- A. Update on Budget and Staffing from Principal Kennett

- State legislature is working on finalizing budgets
- 1.8% increase does not address increase in number of students in the state.
- Class size may be affected
- Per pupil spending is \$26.875 students/class
- Kinder counts as half a kid
- BRE has been over staffed for 2 years now at 32 ½ T positions
 - 2019 874 kids ÷ 26.875 = 32 ½ T
 - 2020 843 kids ÷ 26.875 = 31.36 T but District overstaffed us at 33
 - 2021 831 kids ÷ 26.875 = 30.92 T but District will give us 31
- Typically, we keep K-3 smaller and upper grades take brunt
- Budgets are super tight, must make decisions based on 31 T
- Kinder would have 116 with 4 sessions at 29 kids but that was anticipated. SIP covers ½ T (That would have been Jan Holgreen’s position before her retirement announcement). First and Second would have 23 (Adams will take Madsen’s half day). Third – 28. Fourth and Sixth – 25 and 26 (Tolman will take Gardner’s position). Fifth would be 34 – 4 T (Wood retired but we did not have the FTE so have been waiting)
- COVID-19 recommendation is for there to be less than 30 kids per classroom

- B. Possible Options - Principals have been helping each other brainstorm creative ideas.

- ½ First and ½ Second Split to fund a 5th Grade T. Would mean 4 ½ Firsts and 4 ½ Seconds. This option would put all grades below 26.8 except 3rd and 6th.
- Buy a 5th grade T at \$61,000. We spend \$70,000 on Tutors. If we used that to pay for a T, we would then look at TSSP funds for tutors to assist 3rd and 6th and any class that falls in the 15% at risk bracket provided for in our SIP goal. Possibly take away the stipend for Ts and put it towards funding tutors. This option would put K, 1, 2, all at 23 kids. 3rd and 6th would be at 28, 4th at 25, and 5th at 27 kids. Or we could fund ½ 3rd T we could look at a Funnel option. This would mean 6 classes in the AM for the core subject areas. Those kids would then funnel to 5 classes in the PM.

C. Q & A

- What do teachers feel? A split class would be difficult if we go back to remote learning format. Losing tutors will make it increasingly difficult to meet the needs of Tier 2 kiddos. We need to bring fifth grade's numbers down.
- Can we even use tutors this year? Yes, but there will be new COVID-19 safety guidelines to follow.
- Will we lose kids due to parents choosing to homeschool? We know of 2 families so far.
- Will the district support that? We have had an Online School for the last few years. There are currently positions open for teachers now in the Online School.
- Will parent helpers be allowed to come in and support Teachers especially now with possibly fewer tutors? Yes, with new COVID-19 guidelines as well as the background checks that were introduced last year.
- Is fingerprinting open to send parents to? No, currently closed due to COVID restrictions.

D. Motion to pass funding $\frac{1}{2}$ First Grade T and $\frac{1}{2}$ Second Grade T by Richard Baird. Motion seconded by Tiffany Harmon. Committee voted and motion unanimously approved.