Budget Advisory Committee
FY 1819
Notes from Group Discussions
Ideas for Achieving a Balanced Budget

Ideas for Increasing Revenues

- Increase Student Attendance
  - Educate community / parents on importance of regular school attendance
  - Target Preschool / PreK / TK / K family education to establish good attendance habits early on
  - Develop 'parent education' packets for Kinder Roundup
  - Strengthen Teacher support of Preschool / PreK / TK / Attendance
  - Establish 2nd bus routes to pick up students who missed bus
  - Make IMMEDIATE contact with parent with each absence – even during lunch / recess – let parent know of optional second bus route
  - Home visits / contact with parents with EACH absence; have teachers express concern for absences & offer to send missed assignments home so that student can make up work and stay on track. Are 'chronically absent' students utilizing district transportation?
  - Offer to collect students from house – perhaps use District vans to collect students if parents are unable to provide transportation due to being ill or at work?
  - Send Truancy Officers
  - Revamp Ed Options to increase enrollment AND attendance
- Provide 'outside services'
  - Transportation services such as field trips for other schools & Big Sur Marathon
  - Increase Vehicle Maintenance such as Fire Department vehicles once Bus Barn has been re-built
  - Increase Catering for outside vendors / community events (no Fund 01 impact)
- Additional Revenue
  - Increase Grant applications

Ideas for Decreasing Expenditures

- Establish larger class sizes
- Move all 5th & 6th grades to Echo Valley & distribute other grades to remaining elementary schools (reduce re-direct expenditures)
- Charge families a fee for transportation services / request 'family donations' for transportation services
- Use in-house transportation for County-Served Special Services Students
- Review Current Staffing
  - Review current vacancies; are there positions to discontinue?
  - Review staffing ratios; any combo classes?
  - Review supplemental payroll costs; decrease employee absences
  - Establish 'evening shift' or 'sub' bus / van drives to cover field trips, etc and avoid OT hours
  - "Shift" from discontinued positions to others such as evening shift bus drives
- Spending freeze
  - Reduce current year spending prior to year end
  - Reduce spending District-Wide to specific object codes (ie: all sites reduce obj 43xx by $xx)
- Reduce Utility costs
  - Compost Food Waste
  - Recycle / sell
  - Solar Power