

Committee Updates

Lani Williams (District Accountability Committee)

Facilities Presentation

General budget and how funds are distributed

Security

Hybrid funding model

Questions:

What are Facilities Rentals Policies/Pricing?

There are tiers based on the group; however, the facilities never make money on the rentals, and don't break even. All money goes to a general fund for repairs/replacements. Principals are able to request funds from the general fund for repairs or replacements.

Can the district change the rental price to at least break even?

The facilities/schools are seen as community locations, and encourage community engagement. Pricing is to maintain that relationship with the community.

DJ Anderson (Legislative COmmittee)

State government is acknowledging that there are issues with funding K12

Polis Legislating for funding full day Kindergarten

Cathy Kip legislative goals: Inner district transport, bonus for highly effective teachers, and financial incentives for rural teachers.

Rich Davis (Academic Committee)

Providing optimal paths for each student from Middle school to High school.

Board of Directors:

Open Seat(s): Cathy Kip's seat is open and possibly Susan Gutowsky

Superintendent evaluation, 1 of 3 meetings complete.

Late start passed, details are being discussed. There have been parents concerned for the early start time for elementary schools.

Fee Structure - Assistant Superintendents

Working on this process for 2 years, goals: Transparent & Equitable. How to provide all of the opportunities PSD offers and maintain equity. Considerations: what does the law allow? What fees do we waive for free and reduced lunch?

Questions Posed to DAB:

Should every school charge the same amount for a like course & like items?

No, each site must justify what they are charging for and the fee cannot be more than the cost of the item or course. If the answer was 'yes', then principals would not be allowed/able to offset any costs for any reason.

Should school personnel be permitted to waive fees?

No, there are defined guidelines for free and reduced lunch students. Also, if you do it for one student, you have to be able to justify why you've done it for one and not another.

Can a school add a fee after the fee schedule has been approved?

Yes/No. It must first be requested to a superintendent and then if it is deemed necessary and could not have been done before the fee schedule was approved. However, the School Board Directors must approve the new fee before it can take effect.

John McKay - Supporting Students in PSD

Equity means more than just money, it included culture

Mckinney Vento Homeless: 85 students

National Poverty Line: \$24,000 family of 4

Free Lunch: \$31,800

Reduced Lunch: \$45, 325

**These numbers do not include a cost of living adjustment.

In fort Collins it costs \$75,000 to be self-sufficient

Family Engagement: How to get stakeholders to participate in the conversation and share what they find valuable.

Fall & Spring Parent Academy: Social/Emotional transitions, literacy night, math night

Discussion:

What are the resources that you believe would benefit parents in PSD?

-Transportation for families

-Paper notices for parents vs email. Elementary usually have Friday Folders, but in Middle and High that stops, some parents do not have access to email, so they are missing the updates.

-Tap into retirement community

-Information about how to reach resources directly- hotline numbers, suicide, crisis lines- Put Safe2Tell on the side of buses, not only do kids see it but the community will see it as the buses travel around the city

-An event similar to Greeley's Back to School Night/ PSD Resource Fair but bigger (x2)

-Kiosk for parents at school wit "office hours" to get assistance with setting up email, filling out applications for free and reduced, etc.

-Invest in schools to be community centers. Put resources to the school to provide as a hub to create community & interactions

- Waive fees for security, lights/power, etc and give \$ so that they can open schools to community
- Stronger communication to parents/students about Front Range concurrent enrollment and ASCENT.
- After school programs at elementary schools with new 2019/2020 early bell schedule
- Provide computer back/use for parents to complete paperwork
- Bag up extra food from lunches and have for students to grab on way out of school.

What types of classes and/or information would you like to see PSD offer?

- Financial literacy for parents
- Parenting classes
- Computer Literacy for Parents
- More information nights with teachers & administration (example middle school open house night) offer childcare & food

Questions:

- What strategy is there in place to track student success that we know have needs since PreK/Early Childhood?
- Why is the parent academy at the Hilton rather than a more cost effective venue?
- Is there a list of resources for each school parents can access?