November 28, 2018
Elementary School Size Committee
Meeting #2 Notes

Agenda

Yancy Hawkins, Assistant Superintendent Business & Operations, gave a presentation reviewing the 2017-18 Budget Advisory Committee, the budget reductions, and the budget solutions considered.

The Committee then was provided a handout of information about school size, class size, spending per site, etc. (can be found here) to review and discuss what the data tells them, what doesn’t it tell or what’s missing, what do we need to need, is it critical to our decision making, and, if so, what essential question(s) will it answer?

The four groups reported out their findings, see below:

One group didn’t prepare a chart. Most important data to them was the fixed costs (Standard Staffing Per Site) – given the cost of closing a school, maintenance, etc., what would the savings really be?

December 17, 2018 Meeting: Discuss pros and cons of elementary school sizes and review summary of charts/notes of ideal school size from October 22 meeting.
What does the data tell us?
- Immediate savings in staffing: $4,046,446
- Same amount of funding distributed among fewer schools (minus LEAP grant for L'epan)
- Our average school size is 100 students, less (30%) than our comparable districts.
- Our average class size is 2 students less than our comparable districts.
- There is room to move students around.

Questions (Critical)
- What are the facilities capable of housing?
- How many empty classrooms per site?
  - Academic
- Not only what can we fit into each school, but what should we? What is ideal?