

Budget Committee Meeting

November 17, 2022

Attendees:

Christina Hunt, BA, Edwin Brown, Assistant BA, Melanie Deysher, Phaedra Dunn, Monk Inyang

Summary:

1. Ms. Hunt reviewed with all principals the 2023-24 District Budget Manual. Each building is responsible for presenting an accurate schedule/class sizes. Next steps of the budget process will be discussed at the Administrative Council Meeting on 11/29. Data is being collected to look at 5-year budget trends.
2. Best practices moving forward: implementing structural changes to right size the budget, historically, with changing leadership, we have not had effective controls and processes in place. We are in the process of rebuilding the budgeting infrastructure (a multi-year project that requires stability in leadership). The primary driver of this process will be our values: what do we value as a board, an administration, as students, as teachers, and as community members and where do we want to go.
3. Pre-K reporting: District received \$970,555 grant. There are presently 2 classrooms at the DLC, 1 at MCPK, 2 at Nishuane, 1 at YMCA with 73 enrolled students.
4. My School Bucks issues have been corrected, there was a problem with duplicated entries. This has been communicated to all principals
5. Transportation: An audit was completed, and it was found that quite a few students are presently utilizing busing that are not entitled to the service. The department is presently looking at how other districts offer their subscription bus services.

6. Sustainable NJ-2 of our schools (Bullock and Watchung) allowed their certification to lapse. Ms. Hunt in process to renew certifications which then gives us access to more grant opportunities.

Next meeting will be held on December 15, 2022, 6:30 pm