

Pottsgrove School District

Community Budget Task Force

Name of Sub-Committee: Special Education & Alternative Education

Date of Meeting: March 15, 2011

Attending: Ann Myers, Michelle MacLuckie, Nancy Geigus, Maryann Johnson, Missy Klaus, Jill Ludy, Liz Rakoff, Jamie Slack, Jennifer Snyder, Julie Farris, Deb Lewis, Deb Hampton, Patricia Grimm

Topics Discussed:

- Review of previous meeting and distribution of notes
- Review of anticipated access expenditures for 2011-2012 school year.
- Discussed technology devices and applications that would be of benefit from special education students across the district and savings ideas.
- Reviewing and answering questions posed at 2/25/11 meeting.
- Explanation of savings on students returning from out of district placements for 2011-2012 school year.
- Process of contingency reimbursement for eligible students.
- Detailed process of transporting students to out of district placements and identified strategies being used to decrease this cost.
- Explained Pottsgrove's Twilight Program and which students would find this program most beneficial.
- Explained cost details of alternative education program in house versus an outside placement.
- Explored cost analysis of various contracted services with MCIU versus contracting directly for services.
- Distributed potential savings plan (ACCESS expenditures, tuition savings, staff savings).

Committee members asked for additional information on:

- How low is district willing to drain the ACCESS funds?

- Are we able to offer more trainings/conferences to staff using funds from ACCESS.

Outcomes from the meeting:

Committee was asked to review potential savings plan and bring any additional ideas to the next meeting where we will then formalize the savings plan to present to the board.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, March 29, 2011