

Pottsgrove School District

Community Budget Task Force Meeting Minutes

Name of Sub-Committee: Special Education & Alternative Education

Date of Meeting: March 29, 2011

Attending: Ann Myers, Michelle MacLuckie, Elaine Armstrong, Nancy Geigus, Patti Grimm, Wendy Hasara, Maryann Johnson, Deb Lewis, Ed Nugent, Liz Rakoff, Jamie Slack, Jen Snyder, Julie Farris, Debbie Hampton

Topics Discussed:

- Reviewed of proposed budget cuts and savings that can be presented to the school board. Cuts & Savings pertain to staff savings, returning out of district students back to Pottsgrove and shifting items (many one time purchases) from the General Budget to ACCESS Funds
- Redefined what the ACCESS funds are and how they can be spent
- Discussed the nature of work the school psychologists are responsible and explained how outsourcing for those services would not be cost effective
- Although not included in the Spec. Ed Budget Task Force suggestions, issues pertaining to transportation was addressed to see if and how additional savings can occur by consolidating bus runs and getting work-study programs closer to Pottsgrove.
- Discussed future savings ideas. Defined the Electronic Records Policy and explained how that will save money through reduction of paper, ink, manpower to move documents that are not necessary and storage.
- Explained the requirement to provide all students within the district a Free and Appropriate Public Education regardless of the nature of their needs and disabilities
- Request was made for a volunteer to present proposals to the school board on April 12, 2011.

Committee members asked for additional information on:

Outcomes from the meeting:

- Proposal was designed to present to the school board on April 12, 2011
- Community Volunteer was requested to present the proposal
- Task Force has a better understanding to the nature of the budget process
- Collaboration among district and community is established
- Beginning process for future cost saving plans and ideas

Next meeting date: School Board Meeting, April 12, 2011