

Leadership Council Notes
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Principal's Report

- Somali culture night at the end of April. There will be a silent auction (with products from students and staff; do you have anything to contribute?), dance, Somali Museum, and much more.

Updates:

- Year after next (2018-2019), we will need a new bookkeeper and check signer. This person does not need to be a council member. Some of the responsibilities include Receiving contributions, depositing into bank, keeping records of everything, and earmarking certain pieces to ensure that we are following the rules of the fund.
- The commitment would be 2-3 hours/week in the fall, 1 hour/week thereafter, and a little more in January. If we are able to have someone volunteer, he/she can shadow current member to learn the ropes.

African American Family Involvement Day

- Family, staff, and students got together to celebrate African American and African culture here at Barton.
- It was a glorious performance by students and community members.
- About 25 families came for breakfast and about 100 families were at the event.
- Looking for feedback to improve the day in the future.

Budget

- Budget is set for March 1st with a tie out on March 24th.
- There was a deficit a year or two ago, but our spending increased (in the district). The superintendent Graff believes that it has to get its spending to match its income. There has not been a change in funding, so we won't be able to continue to our higher spending (audit is being done to see where all the spending takes place).
- In order to know what to do for the budget, we need to know what our goals are.
- *District Goals:*
 - Improve Student Outcomes,
 - Equity, Family & Community Partnerships,
 - Effective teachers, school leaders, and staff
 - Stewardship
 - Resources for Students and Schools.
- *Barton Goals:*

- Instilling a love of learning.
- Valuing each child for his or her perspectives.
- Interdisciplinary curriculum and culturally responsive instruction.
- Developing a community of mutual respect and equity.
- Creative, courageous and collaborative inquiry for all.
- Child-centered decision-making & self-directed learning.
- Educating for a democratic society.
- *SIP*
- Some costs have gone up (teacher pay and AE pay), but our enrollment is not going up. It may be close to \$90,000 increase (standard of living increase).
- Compensatory and Title I money will still come in for our school, but we are not yet sure if our number will go up very much this year.
- We are EXPECTING that our budget will be lower this coming year.
- Barton did a staff and parent survey. The task force has met several times to look at the responses from the surveys to look for possible priorities.
- Still hoping to have 5.2 for specialists (exactly what we need rather than putting in extra money). Right now we are at 5.6.
- The foundation has been partially paying (0.2 of the 0.4) for band and orchestra. The foundation may not be able to that in the future without a major fundraising push, esp. for the upcoming year. It may be able to cover 0.2 in hopes that the school can cover the rest (which it may not be able to).

Survey Results

- *Staff*
 - More push-in rather than pull-out to help with interventions so that the students remain a part of the classroom
 - Keep social worker positions
 - Continue Mind Up and Mindfulness
 - More recess support
 - Review specialist schedule
 - Continue Open Ed/Progressive Ed Curriculum Development
 - Support of Office staff
 - RTI (response to intervention)
 - Reduce Health prep for lower elementary
 - Increase art time
- *Parent*
 - Increase Phy-ed and movement time
 - Increase Art, Media, performing arts, and Music
 - Student support

- Higher/tighter communication
- Great office staff
- *Budget Task Force*-where can we reduce without impacting the classroom?
Ideas include:
 - Reconfiguring AEs, although Cindy points out we don't have an abundance of AEs in the first place. For example, reduce media AE's hours to preserve Kindergarten AE and recess support. (1.4 literacy support is funded by Title 1 currently, and *will* continue to be).
- We are down for fundraising year on year: We are close to \$30,000 down from two years ago:
 - Is it due to smaller interest groups and people feel as if they have already gave? Do we need to make sure that fundraisers are organized together?
 - Make sure that we aren't fundraising for essential things.
- Look for an update on when the March meeting will be. May not be able to talk about the endorsement talk next time since we are going to be talking about the budget.