

We met on Monday, March 12th over Spring Break to prepare a first draft of next year's budget.

Our budget has been cut and pasted for several years now and it was time to take a look at the actual numbers and make changes to the budget that reflect what we take in and pay out.

Changes to the income side are...

Trash bag line item reduce to \$1,150

Fundraising line item reduced to \$10,000

Labels line item increased to \$1,000

Recycling (outdoor bin) reduced to \$250

We have some goals we are going to set for the income side (since our fundraising line item has been reduced) they are...

To make Spiritwear an income generating line item with a goal of bringing in \$750.

To make the Yearbook an income generating line item with a goal of bringing in \$300.

This puts our budgeted income at \$16,150

Changes to the expense side are...

Eliminate the computer expense line item (\$300)

Hospitality line item reduced to \$100

Staff Appreciation line item increased to \$600 2800

Carnival line item reduced to \$650

This puts our budgeted expenses at \$17,600

Creates a \$1,450 shortfall.

Currently, our bank balance is sitting at \$18,000(-,+).

This “slush fund” has been shrinking for several years now due to deficits to the budget and also some big ticket items like benches, trees, a mower and a snow blower for the Facility Manager.

PTA would like to look into spending a large part of the slush fund for a cover (roof) over the picnic tables next to the playground.

PTA has also voted to provide \$600 to the teachers/staff for a new ice machine when needed.

In an effort to balance our budget, we still need to look at *temporarily* cutting some line items on the expense side.

With the intent of bringing them back to their current dollar amounts when the income increases.

Cup Stacking: We currently have a \$200 line item expense under cup stacking. This line item is used to purchase new cups and batteries when needed. We would like to propose cutting this line item to \$100.

Outdoor Class Room: We currently have a \$300 line item expense for outdoor class room. This line item is used to purchase materials used for upkeep. We would like to propose cutting this line item to \$200.

School Beautification: We currently have a \$300 line item expense for school beautification. This line item is used to purchase materials used for upkeep. We would like to propose cutting this line item to \$200.

Bulletin Boards: We currently have a \$50 like item expense for Bulletin Boards. Last year none of this line item was used. This line item is used to purchase small items and supplies for the upkeep of the PTA Bulletin Board. We would like to propose cutting this line item to \$25.