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Long Range Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2018

Attendees: Deirdre d'Albertis, Diane Lyons, Laura Schulkind, Joe Phelan, Tom Burnell

Security

The group began the meeting discussing the potential for community requests for full time security guards and/or SROs. Tom will work up what those costs would look like, but, if it was decided that we needed more security personnel, there are many options to consider. Would an SRO be preferable to a full time employee? How would that be funded? Should the state cover such costs and provide services for schools? Tom will look into whether or not funding for security can be put forward as a separate voter proposition. If it can, would a proposition need to be passed with 50% or 60% +1 approval?

We discussed the national school walk out on March 14. Joe advised the committee that the Principals, Student Council Advisors and Student Council representatives are working together on a plan.

Brochure

Deirdre worked up the second draft of the district brochure. Some data needs to be collected from Ed Davenport and/or the Guidance department, but it is ready for Communications to start working up a layout.

2018-19 Budget

Our Administrators are considering plans for redeploying current staff to fill the vacancies left by our retiring faculty. Additional changes will likely be required. We discussed instructional, non-instructional and administrative changes, summer hours, club offerings, creative ways to offer electives for maximum participation, and appropriate use of chaperones at events and on field trips. Tom continues to work on the list of non-mandated expenses. He expects it to be ready for review prior to the March 6 Coffee with the Board.

The committee would like the Finance committee to provide suggestions to LRP as they more directly oversee budgetary funding.

Tom reviewed naming conventions for the Board's traditional "Budget Workshop." He was advised by our legal counsel that we can't call it a hearing, but anything else is possible. The group is concerned that we send the correct message to the community about the fact that this 3 hour block of time is set aside for the Board to work exclusively on budget considerations with the administrators. Joe will make sure that all communications publicizing this meeting will convey that purpose and invite the public to exercise their right to be informed of the process. We are recommending that it be called the Board's "Budget Work Session."

Next Meeting: March 5

Agenda: non-mandated expense review

Additional Meeting: March 12

Agenda: recap Coffee and Budget Work Session

Respectfully submitted by Laura Schulkind