

District Leadership Team

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District Office

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Present: Tom Keith, Marco Lanzoni, Jay McAnney, Michele Moloney, Lori Mulford, Lois Powell, Cathy Robinson, Jim Willoughby

- Commissioner's Meetings—Lois asked the Teachers' Association and Administrators' Association officers about their opinion of the meeting they attended with the new SED Commissioner. All appeared favorably toward her. Lois also concurred with their opinion.
- Who's Driving the Bus—Lois shared information about the Fair Funding lecture of this title and encouraged people to attend. Lois explained, for those who had seen the video "Education Inc" about the privatization of a Colorado school district, that this was the same subject on a larger scale.
- Rollover Budget/Tax Cap—Michele reviewed the presentation she would be making at the December 14 Board of Education meeting.
- Budget Forum—Lois asked for ideas for the budget forum scheduled for February. We reviewed some of the feedback we received from the community: "The district continues to give the same questions to answer;" "Break us into groups and have each group cut \$500,000." We talked about each of these and then reviewed what other districts in the County are doing in this regard. Of 5 responses received, 4 of them do not host forums.

We talked about some possible approaches, most of which deal with educating the community; Tom offered as an example that when we met with Todd Tancredi earlier this month; he did not realize that we have to have a 60% majority of our district residents, not 60% of the Board, to approve a budget that is over the cap. A suggestion was made to start by educating the participants about the cuts we have already made, what we have done proactively (Ex., Cenergistics), and some basic rules, regulations, and laws that govern our work.

Finally, we thought we should continue to invite a random sample of district residents as well as to continue to welcome walk-ins. We specifically added community leaders, such as Todd Tancredi and Stephan Krakower, as well as our legislators, to our list to those who should receive personal invitations.

Lois indicated that the subject of the forum would be a discussion item at the December 14 Board of Education meeting.

- Meetings with Legislators—Tom reported on the meetings he, Michele, and I had with Sue Serino and Didi Barrett a few weeks ago.
- Shared Decision-Making Plan—Lois explained that the plan is due for a review in January and asked that members send her any feedback regarding suggested changes.
- Facilities Committee—Michele explained the plan of the Facilities to hold meetings at each building and focus on that building's list of needs when the meeting is held there. The first meeting was held at Nassau; the next meeting is January 13 at Hagan.
- United Way Campaign—Lois shared that she and Michele met with an employee of the United Way (also a district resident of 2 elementary students) and asked if they thought there was any downside to sponsoring a fundraising campaign. Everyone thought it was fine.
- We scheduled a tentative meeting for January 29 in case Tom and Jim needed to discuss anything about the superintendent search process.
- Superintendent Search Process—Lois and Lori left the room and Tom continued the meeting regarding the search process.