

RAUC School Council Meeting
Tuesday 4/6/21
8:00 - 8:40am (Virtual)

Topic: Budget & Affinity Groups

Attending: Julie Craven, Head of School; Julia Ho, Family Liaison, Mary-Claire Krebs, RAUC educator; Tatiana Pobednova, RAUC educator; Avanti Tilak, RAUC parent

Agenda

- Check-in
- Budget docs
 - [RAUC School Improvement Plan 20-21](#)
 - [RAUC School Improvement Plan 20-21 Budget](#)
 - [CPS Proposed FY22 Budget](#)
- Continued discussion on budget
 - Clarification questions?
 - How can we best communicate this information to families?
- Continuation of affinity groups discussion (if time)
 - [Notes from previous discussion](#)
- Open floor

Notes:

Clarification questions

- Will we be able to keep any new staff that was hired?
 - Yes - we only have 1 new staff member (due to the pandemic) - building sub
 - The other new staff that were hired were through the district budget and were already being hired
- What's the timing of the budgets?
 - 2021-2022 SIP budget can't be made until the school committee approves the district budget
- When we publicize the budget, is there a way to include it in multiple languages or make it very easy to see translation?

How can we best communicate this information to families?

- If we are putting aside a lot of money in the budget for equity work (as in the SIP), we should highlight that
- We could start out with this (e.g. one eye-catching headline) and then mention other things

- Might be good to time this info when the budget gets approved (or when the budget meetings are) - could be a way to support family involvement in the process (e.g. what are we excited about in this proposed budget)
- Make it clear to families how the budget will help them and what is available for their students

Open floor

- Tutoring and clubs have been very impactful for families based on listening conferences
 - Would be important to make this information very accessible to families (and to know about literacy interventionist)
- Small groups in general have been helpful
 - Wonder: is there a way to tap into remote learning opportunities and after the pandemic use SIP money to provide a stipend to interested staff to provide more one-on-one tutoring