



Community Budget Forum Feedback March 25, 2010

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| Have transportation and custodial staff agreed to take pay cuts in order to keep their jobs in order to reduce expenditures? | Comfortable-something has to change; feel secure knowing nothing proposed will affect my children's education or opportunities to participate in sports or music | Could we explore the option of recruiting qualified parent volunteers to supplement our buildings and busses? | To provide my children the best possible childhood, education and all of the offerings available to them such as athletics and arts | Could Oxford Schools provide an online form letter that concerned parents, teachers, community members, etc. could electronically sign and forward onto our legislators |
| Administrative cuts; eliminate superintendent benefits, trips to China and Africa; charge schools of choice students to play sports | | Have a chat line so people can be heard | | German is crucial through online. Website-need to itemize and makes things easily accessible; |
| Have 1 superintendent, 1 assistant superintendent; want to see administrators contribute and take pay cuts | | | | |
| Freeze on all travel; use conference calls; be fiscally responsible; use \$ wisely | | Look at organizational structure | | \$1.2 million athletic field adds to operating expense; building downtown adds to expenses |
| Eliminate gas allowance % of cuts across the board Use empty rooms instead of purchasing new building | | | | |
| Do not run district like a Cadillac; nix the pre-school program | | | | Listen to what people are saying |
| | | | | What will we hire to work for poverty wages (custodial); concerned about the quality of people |
| | | | | Uses Oxford preschool Chose to live in Oxford because of the high quality of education |

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| Use teachers here instead of hiring Chinese teachers | | | | Kids love their custodians and bus drivers; if our bus drivers and custodians lose their jobs their family will move out of Oxford |
| Where are the higher cuts coming from? | | | | Scared of privatizing; safety issues |
| Find another way-take transportation and custodial off the list | | | | |
| | | Have advertisers in schools as a source of revenue | | |
| | | Charge students \$25 deposit on lockers; put TVS on surge protectors; use congress insurance | | |
| Administrators should take pay cuts; find some other way than to privatize | | | | |
| Look at every single penny we do not need to spend Use group HSA accounts | | | | Do we need all 5 gyms? Use one for extra office space |
| Eliminate travel; instead of virtual schools, hire teachers; IB expense is too high; alternative ed and schools of choice add to costs, lessens chances for residents; disagrees with move to downtown; not in favor of privatization of transportation; another day care adds costs for another playground; fields and grounds need improve- ments; additional operating costs at middle school | | | | |
| | | | | Custodial and transportation – the value of what they bring takes care of the investment |
| | | | | Have brainstorming sessions; be part of the solution; establish task force to rally the community |
| Offer employees an incen- tive to use spouse’s insurance | | | | |
| Eliminate use of refrigerators, coffee pots and heaters in school rooms | | | | |
| | | | Custodians and bus | How do we make this work 3 |

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| | | | drivers are part of kids education | years from now? |
| | | | | Turf field will bring added value to students |