

Hello Kenny families,

It is hard to believe that today is March 1. The days are getting longer but it sure isn't getting any warmer. That also means the Kenny Parent Foundation March Magic event is only two of weeks away. I can't wait, and I hope to see you there!

Kenny received our budget allocation on Friday. We did receive some good news right away. The district is adding to our special education and ESL departments. Our special education resource allocation went from 1.5 to 2.0 and our ESL allocation went from 0.5 to 1.0. The district also gave elementary schools a 0.5 advanced differentiation specialist.

The district is also implementing something called "predictable staffing". That means there are certain things that every school must have in their budgets. I have included the guidelines with this letter. Also included with this letter is a spreadsheet that shows our existing programming with the required programming. The good news there is we came up just \$2924 if we use all our budget for staffing.

In the predictable staffing model, \$100/child must be set aside for non-staffing positions. Non-staffing budget items would be items like the copy machine leases, supplies, the school cell phone. As our projected enrollment is 462 for next year (we are at 480 today), we need to set aside \$46,200. This year we will spend \$20,000 for non-staffing positions and that was paid by the Kenny Parent Foundation. That means currently, we have a deficit of \$49,124.

I presented this to the Site Council last night. We have scheduled another meeting at 5:00 Tuesday to talk about next steps and how to zero out the budget. I am waiting to hear back from our Associate Superintendent Ron Wagner on some ideas I had. At the Site Council meeting next Tuesday, March 5 I will present several scenarios to tie out the budget.

When looking at the spreadsheet, the gray highlighted areas are the items the site has decided to fund and can be cut or reduced. Most positions are listed as portions of a 1.0 position but the support positions (Associate Educators AE and HSA) are listed in hours. We will get this figured out. The very last page is the planning we used for the 18-19 budget.

It is going to be a great spring. The Kenny Parent Foundation has many great upcoming activities but needs several coordinators for the events. Please consider taking on one of those positions. So many of our events at Kenny happen because of volunteers, and we do not want to lose any of them.

As always, thanks for helping make Kenny the amazing community school it is.

Bill Gibbs, Principal