

will continue to work on the 7% reduction plan as well, until better budget information is available.

FY12 Budget Carryover

Sue explained that the current Allocation Model allows sites to carry over up to 1% of their budget each year. For FY11, DCAS recommended, and the Board approved, a one-time carryover amount not to exceed 2%. This one-time exception was approved as part of the Budget Assumptions. At the January DCAS meeting, there was a brief discussion about carryover for FY12. At that time, it was suggested that sites be allowed to carryover a larger percentage (2%, 3%, unlimited, etc.), realizing it is one-time money.

There was a discussion about the options discussed last month.

Dave Keebler expressed his concern about an “unlimited

Use of Reserves

At the January DCAS meeting, several suggestions were offered on how the district should deal with the budget shortfall for FY12. The use of reserves to mitigate the shortfall was a part of that discussion. The suggestions from January were reviewed and discussed again as noted below:

- #1 Use Reserves to cover the anticipated shortfall between the \$4.5 million (FY11 restoration) and \$5.8 million (FY12 projected as of last meeting), which is approximately \$1.4 million.
- #2
 - 1) First 5% reduction to come from site budgets (including the elimination of the \$4.5 million,) which would be a net reduction of approximately 1.7% district-wide
 - 2) Use reserves up to the next 5%
 - 3) Then back to sites/reserves or a combination of reductions and reserves for a shortfall above 10%.
- #3
 - 1) First \$4.5 million of shortfall to come from carryover/restoration to defray shortfall.
 - 2) Use reserves up to the next \$3 million.

Alan expressed concern about the ballot measure not passing. Most have little faith in the passage and he feels the cut could be more like 8-10% or more. He further expressed concern about using scenario #3 above (taking the first \$4.5 million shortfall from the carryover/restoration and then using reserves up to \$3 million) would hurt the colleges more because the reduction is expected to be beyond that amount if the revenue increases fail.

The next discussion was about scenario #1 above (first 5% from sites; next 5% from reserves). fng re

The areas to fund and the method on which to allocate resources to the defined areas was discussed.

- Scheduled Maintenance & Capital Furniture (including admin, faculty & classroom)
 - o Assignable Square Footage
- Library Materials & Databases (previously IELM/TTIP)
 - o FTES
- Instructional and Non-Instructional Equipment
 - o FTES
- Tech Refresh (hardware & software)
 - o Number of Computers
- Other
(such as R&D, staff innovation, lab software, program transition costs, program accreditation, staff development (classified and faculty))
 - o 1/3, 1/3, 1/3

There was clarification regarding assignable square footage and how it is updated. The District uses a statewide software system called FUSION. Assignable square footage figures to be used will be as of a certain date (TBD). That date will remain constant from year to year to ensure consistency.

The above method and categories were approved by consensus.

Structural Deficit Resource Triggers

A list of possible triggers was distributed and briefly discussed. This list is intended to be used as a stimulus for ideas only. Triggers will be discussed in more detail at the March meeting. Some triggers that might be considered may be for interim funding as well until the triggers exist to move the primary funding categories over. We may wish to consider a series or combination of triggers. Sue asked that DCAS members begin thinking of other triggers and be prepared to discuss this fully at the next meeting. The plan is to present a long-term plan to the Board to address local structural deficit needs in May or June if we are ready.

OTHER

Peter asked about the Cirricunet software license fees and whether charging this expense to Districtwide Services was appropriate. Sue said that the vice presidents will be looking at DWS in detail and will evaluate this request.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 10, 2011 –