

# Gardiner Public School

## Finance Committee Meeting September 25,2017

5:30pm

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| <b>Roll Call</b> | <b>Board:</b>          |   | <b>Classified Staff</b>            |   |
|                  | Mike Tercek            | X | Julie Rehmer                       | X |
|                  | Holly Long             | X | <b>Public</b>                      |   |
|                  | <b>Administration:</b> |   | Hal Broadhead                      | X |
|                  | Randy Russell          | X | Suzette Cunningham - <b>Absent</b> |   |
|                  | Shelby Detro           | X |                                    |   |
|                  | Mike Baer              | X |                                    |   |
|                  | <b>Certified Staff</b> |   |                                    |   |
|                  | Jean Broadhead         | X |                                    |   |
|                  | Laurie Smith           | X |                                    |   |

### Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Proposed Committee Goals and Deadlines
  - A. Budget reductions: We will make recommendations to the Board by the end of Fall Semester.
  - B. Fund-raising: Some projects are in the works, but this will begin primarily in the Spring.
  - C. Informing the board on the state of the budget: ongoing - as needed.
3. Ground rules: We need to make objective decisions that are in the best, long-term interest of the school. Personal agendas should not influence judgment.
4. Budget overview presentation by Randy Russel.

Randy Russell presented a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the basics of school finance for Gardiner School District and the "Understanding School Finance" document from OPI.

5. Discussion, next steps.

Discussion amongst committee members centered around Gardiner School District as a Class C school in comparison to other Class C schools throughout the state. Gardiner is unique in that we have alternative funding sources outside of the general funds allowing us to spend 96-97% of our general fund on staff wages and benefits. Whereas most Class C Schools live entirely within the means of their general funds with 80-85% being staff benefits and wages. It was decided that a spreadsheet reflecting minimally accredited standards should be made so that we can start from the core of what we must have and work our way out. The next Finance Committee meeting is 10/10 at 5:30pm.