

Terri Geist, and they may use Mr. Harkness' class as a small classroom, for classes such as Chinese, which has fewer students. They may choose to accept a smaller number of 6th graders, such as 10 instead of 25, and have one class be a small section. They may also try some other creative juggling of space in order to fit all the students that we hope to admit. ACCESS is still staffed for the full growth plan. A couple solutions might impact Beverly Cleary as well. Hopefully in the next 2 weeks a decision will be made, and David will work with facilities and BC administration on this.

Monday night the staffing budget was approved. We will have a full time counselor for just ACCESS next year, a half-time EA, half time art, and the teacher staffing ratio has improved slightly, by about 8%. We need some additional staffing compared to other schools, specifically for math, where we need 2/3 FTE in math more than is budgeted by the district. David asked the district for an additional 0.5 FTE math teacher. He hasn't heard back yet, but there is a reasonable chance it will be approved. We clearly have enough staffing for the additional 4/5 classroom and the existing 6th graders. The additional math support is very important, and David will also talk to the foundation for support. We may get an additional 0.5 SPED teacher (1.5 total next year). Outdoor school will be a full week next year as opposed to 3 days this year. We also may have 4 days a week with the speech specialist as opposed to 3 this year. David hopes to get feedback from teachers and families about specials. With the extra elementary class it will make scheduling specials more complicated. There is a staffing meeting on 3/18 that may bring more clarity. Other K-8 schools have been allotted funding for 2 secretaries and we have only been given one. David will ask if we can have additional funding for an EA since we didn't get a second secretary.

B.C. was allocated a full time administrator for this building for next year, whereas David Holm was ! time ACCESS and ! time BC this year. David will meet with David to discuss whether we need a full time dean of students next year versus ! time plus teaching.

It was asked how it has been working with cooperative space sharing with BC, and Mr. Wood stated that they have worked well together. Because BC will have 8 rooms of elementary school students next year their space needs are pretty non-negotiable. Our middle school teachers teach 5 out of 6 periods, so rooms have been used all 6 periods with some teachers "pushing in to" other teachers' rooms when not needed by students. This has been less than ideal and challenging, but they have made it work.

it didn't work for several reasons, but we will try again next year.

The TAGAC committee meeting was last week. They got a board response to their requests a couple hours before the meeting, and it was felt that they didn't really address any of the recommendations by TAGAC, so people were disappointed. They plan to discuss this further. There are 4 school board positions opening up and there is going to be an upcoming forum for potential board members, and TAGAC is hoping to get some TAG specific questions asked of potential candidates.

Pam Kislack is on the DEBRAC committee and plans to come to the April meeting to update us. Their deadline for decision-making is December 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

