

GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL
"Scholarship, Character, Community, Cultivating the Future."

Budget Dialogue w/ PTSA and Parents
February 10, 2010, 7:00 Primary Cafeteria

Present: Matt Donnelly, Wes, Clark, Jill Autiello, Joe O'Malley, Debra Bartolucci, Marie Danish, Brenda Lee Saunders, Dawn Kirk, Ben Pisani, Bob Lyons, Maureen Edsforth, Sally Leraziano, Mary Edwards, Wendy Jordan, Angie Whitehouse, Jennifer Spiezio, Cheryl Record, Babette Furman, Jill Eaton, Christina Sievers, Laura Hall, Jill Autiello, Todd McPhail, David VanDeWater

Notes:

- Don't replace all five retiring teachers
- Could we do something like the Hartford wood chip plant
- Turn off more lights
- Do a "Green Cup Challenge" – contest for reducing energy
- Negotiate salary increase tied to cost of living
- Tone down programs that have been built up
- Hard to eliminate things once people are used to them
- Could we do distance learning
- Have staff numbers follow student numbers
- Go to a cheaper health plan
- Administrative salary increases
- Acceptable level of tax increase 0, 1%, 2%
- Don't touch FACS. (By a FACS teacher) small class size
- Can't be everything to everybody
- What programs are most effective
- Do what the State requires
- Do we need three psychologists?
- Elementary class size
- School is not a jobs program

Additional suggestions from the Greenwich Lion's Club meeting held on February 18, 2010:

- Cut jobs, reposition faculty, consolidate classes
- Summer school with Schuylerville
- High school teachers with six classes
- Don't run a bus in the middle of the day for testing
- 4 day week (Hadley)
- Paying extra for someone to create students schedules?
- Take away a school counselor
- Change class sizes, reduce teachers, 4 classes
- Different types of heating, wind power, alternative energy ideas