

MECAC Questions, Ideas and Concerns from 4/17/2013

Subject	Question/idea/concern	Response
Budget	Budget deficit: As Chad reported, the budget forecast is gloomy and annual budget cuts are necessary for the next few years, I would like to make sure that the cuts do not affect non-white students disproportionately. I would like to see the Committee discuss this issue and how we can better advocate for kids and make sure that cuts affect everyone equally	Added to the Parking Lot for future discussion <u>UPDATE</u> : A budget presentation was added as an annual agendaa topic for October, beginning with October 2013.
Student Achievement		

How many students aged 16 and up leave school to help support family?
How is attendance impacted by students who work to support family?

While schools may know of some students who fall into these categories, ASD is not always told of reasons for a student leaving school or absences due to work to support family.

On the Superintendent's

Consider hands-on training in using community organizations to stage how a classroom would feel if the teacher was the minority (white privilege)

See above response.

Equity

When will the school district allow Halal (meat products) food on the school menu?

For more information the District's menu and menu request process contact Student Nutrition Director Alden Thern at Thern_Alden@asdk12.org.