

**Blaine Fiscal Review Committee Minutes
December 4, 2008**

Present:

Ron Spanjer, Donna D'Angelo, Campbell McClusky, Janet Mumma, Steve Barthlow, Aaron Smith, Charles Gibson, J.J. Jensen, Kathy Newport

Ron Spanjer convened the meeting reviewing the agenda. We have the Special Program Director reviewing five program areas this evening.

- a. Ron Spanjer reviewed the material contained in the all staff email he sent out this morning and reminded the committee this is the only meeting this month. .
- b. The District web page was projected on the large screen and Ron reviewed the area dedicated to the Fiscal Review Committee, specifically the agenda, minutes and talking points of discussion to date. We will add the special programs information after Randy Elsbree presents today.
- c. The website also has a link to OSPI, so our budget information is available to anyone that wants to access and review that information. A link to our complete 2008-09 budget document is also available, as is a link to Donna D'Angelo's email for any questions/comments.

Ron Spanjer distributed the Nov. 30, 2008 Seattle Times article which summarized Governor Gregoire's budget statement, with specific emphasis on potential K-12 program implications. The committee spent a short time discussing potential budget implications for K-12 funding.

Donna reviewed the financial trend charts distributed at the last meeting. The data shared included reference to 1728 – Student Achievement funds, Blaine levy collection history, and a six-year fund balance comparison. These documents will be posted on the District website. The committee believes it will be important to include on the website a description of what areas our Levy dollars support, why we need to retain a 6% fund balance and the significance of enrollment trends.

Randy Elsbree, Special Program Director, presented information on five separate program areas: Special Education, Title I, LAP, ELL, and the Family Service Center (which includes Drug and Alcohol Intervention Services). Details are included on the District website under ***Budget Planning Work - Summary of Program Input.***

The next meeting of the committee will take place on January 8 @ 3:30pm. Program areas to be reviewed in that date will include:

**Food Service
Transportation
Timber Ridge
Home Connections
Point Roberts Primary**