Site Council and Parent Group Meeting

January 28, 2010

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where kids come first

Today's Agenda

- Introductions
- Legislative Overview and District Priorities
- Lunch
- District Updates
    - Budget
    - District Initiatives
    - Your questions from October
- Sharing and Questions

Introductions

- Name
- Community
- Other

- What is not on the agenda that you would like to see discussed today?

Goals for this Training

- Provide you with insights of current District activity

- Provide you with current legislative information and District legislative priorities

- Provide you with time to learn from each other

Legislative Overview

Things to remember

- election year
- capital budget is likely to **not** be lean, there may be more $ than expected at the end of the session
- emails and phone calls to legislators have an impact

Legislative Priorities

- Create a new three-year education funding plan.
- Accept the ISER Cost Differential Study for future state education funding.
- Maintain fiscal support for the debt reimbursement program.
- Increase the mandatory age of attendance to 18.
- Establish a new exam to determine student readiness to graduate from high school. Such an exam should replace both the current HSGQE and the soon to be required WorkKeys test

Introduced Legislation, Bills that KPBSD Wants Passed Today!

- HB317- New Education Funding Plan

- SB213-More money for student breakfast and lunch programs

- HB310-Extend Debt Reimbursement

Bills that KPBSD Supports with Reservation

HB285- Parent Participation in Schools

HB206-Career assessment and new way of counting students

SB122-Preschool Program

KPBSD's FY11 Budget

- Introduced to School Board on February 1
- We are budgeting an amount to roll forward existing level of service
- This is the last year of the 3-year funding cycle from the state
- Area Cost Differential increases by 12.5% each year
- March 1 budget in detail to Board, March 2 meeting in Homer, March 3 in Seward

UPDATE ON DISTRICT GOALS

Technology

Quality learning tools

Collaboration

Technology

- District has greatly expanded its technology infrastructure (wireless learning environments, Smartboards and laptops)

- This is the foundation- next step is to move instruction to better incorporate technology.

- Continue to make our schools ready to meet the learning styles of our students

Collaboration

- Evidence throughout District that we are spending more time collaborating and being more critical of how we are using this time
  - Several good examples of more than one school working together
- Early Release/Delayed Start

Quality Tools

- Incorporate into daily way of doing business.

- Not a program, but a foundational piece of how to do school

- Lots of good examples of using these tools in the District (Seward HS)
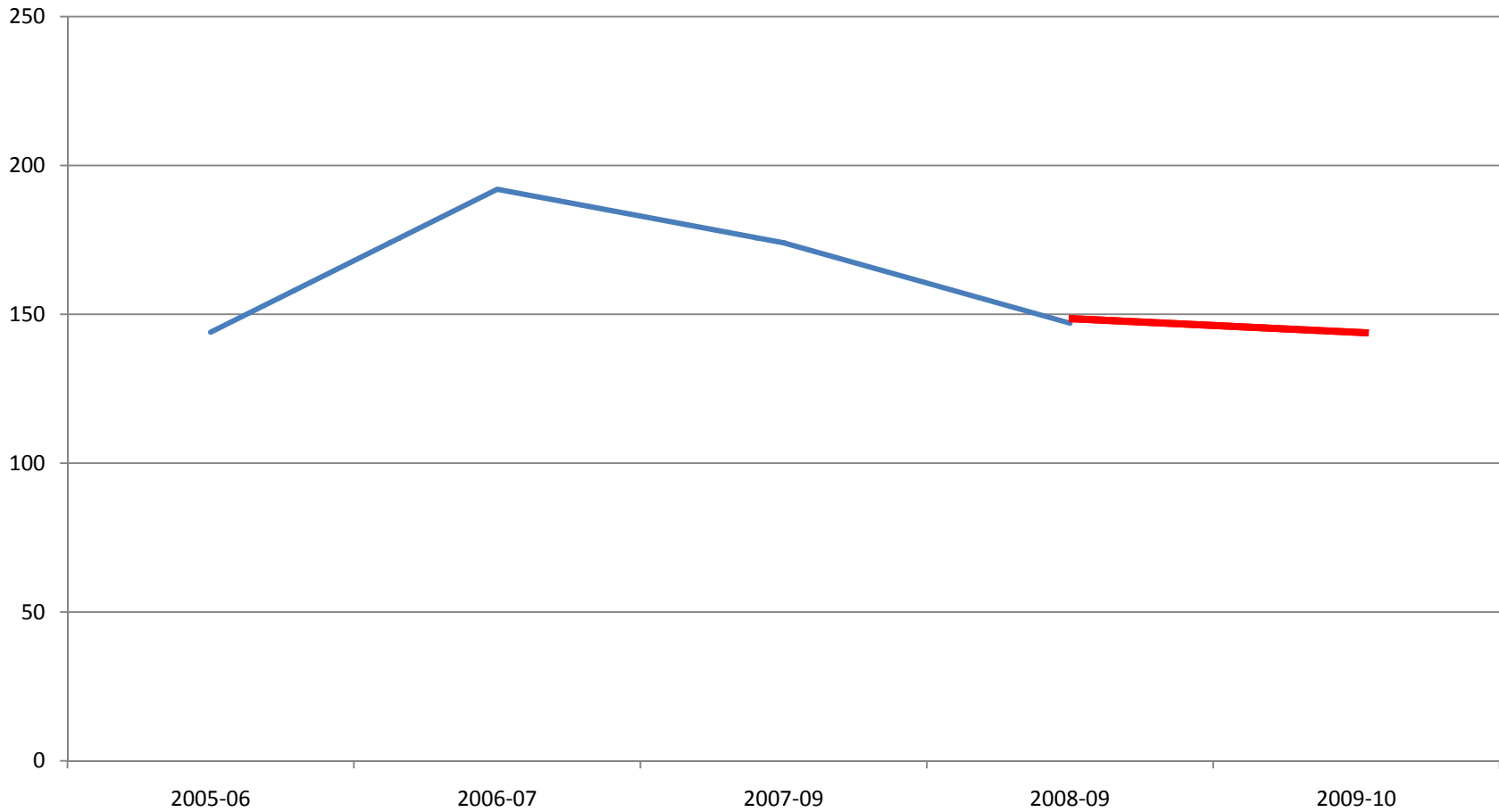
District News

- Curriculum Audit

- Drop-outs

- Performance-Based Schools

Curriculum Audit

- Audit team will visit most schools and classrooms
- Looking for fidelity of implementation of curriculum-the what
- Looking at how administration supports curriculum
- Looking at our budgeting-are we supporting what we state that we are supposed to be doing?
- Audit does not look at instructional strategies
- Auditors here week of April 19
- Report will point out areas that need to improve

Dropouts-A Problem That Needs Everyone's Help

Drop-outs-What are we doing

- More time and energy devoted to intervention-preventing students from falling through the cracks
- Developing a PEP for all students
- Expanding credit recovery opportunities for HS students
- Advisories

Your Input from October Survey

- AP classes-policies
- More focus on the District and what is expected and coming up
- Differences between site council and PTA
- OOAA
- Expanding Vocational Education

Performance Based Schools

– Homer Flex and River City Academy

– Interest at several of our small schools

– Reality of going there and why it is the right thing to do for our students

Collaboration Among You

- Time of meeting- incentive to get participation at parent meeting