

Rupert Elementary
Board Budget Discussion

2016-2017

- Due to enrollment numbers at Rupert we will need an additional 3rd grade teacher to help with student numbers over and above our regular teacher allocation
- I would like to add an instructional coach next year to assist us in refining our instruction in grades 3-5. Leslie Korth who helps coach is also responsible for ESL and Title, her plate is full and she is spread too thin due to her schedule. I would like use the instructional coach to help us keep moving forward instructionally.
- I would like to be able to keep our current support teacher position. This person helps up with group instruction and helps intervene with our intensive students.
- We need to know soon so we can make a plan on what is happening next year in regards to additional classroom space at Rupert. We are currently out of rooms and need to add a 3rd grade classroom next year.
- We do not have a designated conference room for meetings. When we have professional development trainings or need computer lab 2, all support staff have to teach in a storage room or the hallway.
- We would like to request that students who live close to the school walk and not ride a bus. The bus picks up some students at 3:05 and then takes those students home. We then have kids come down at 3:20 who ride the ice cream and bluebird bus. Those two buses pick up a few more of our students. They get picked up at around 3:30. Then we call down all the other students at 3:30 who ride umbrella, duck, key, and pig bus so they can get picked up between 3:45-3:50. Sometimes there is not room on the key bus for all the students who need to ride key bus so the students have to ride the umbrella bus. With the new sidewalks on A Street we need to reevaluate who can walk and who can ride the bus. We would really like to be able to load all students at 3:05 and have students who live on this side of the canal walk home or have someone pick them up. We have staff members that come to work later than others so they can cover the bus duty after school until 3:45 or later. I don't have an answer to this dilemma. Brainstorming so ideas for improvement may be helpful.

Thank you for your continued support of adding money to our discretionary budget, support of professional development, as well as listening to our ideas and suggestions. You are a great group of folks. I appreciate you very much.

Rupert Elementary Staff 2016-2017

Kindergarten

TEACHER	FTE	Current 110 Students	Staff Changes
Ann Brown	1.0	39	No change
Maria Fassett	1.0	34	No change
Larris Olsen	1.0	37	No change
Current Year	3.0	18 in 6 sessions = 110	
Total for 2016-2017	3.0	Estimated guess 105 students	

Same staff for next school year in kindergarten – always an estimated guess on incoming kindergarten numbers.

1st Grade

TEACHER	FTE	122 Students	Staff Changes
Sheena Teal	1.0	25	No change
Becky Grant	1.0	26	No change
Terry Fennell	1.0	22	No change
Rose Webb	1.0	24	No change
Teresa Webster	1.0	24	Retiring
Current Year	5.0	24 in 5 classes = 122	
Total for 2016-2017	5.0	110 into 5 classrooms = 22 per class	

Mrs. Webster will be retiring so I will need to replace a 1st grade teacher.

2nd Grade

TEACHER	FTE	131 Students	Staff Changes
Mary Garcia	1.0	25	No change
Kim Mong	1.0	25	No change
Sheralee Merrill	1.0	27	No change
Vicki Fike	1.0	27	No change
Jana Thomsen	1.0	27	No change
Current Year	5.0	26 in 5 classes = 131	
Total for 2016-2017	5.0	122 into 5 classes = 24 per class	

3rd Grade

TEACHER	FTE	107 Students	Staff Changes
Wendy Alverson	1.0	26	No change
Angela Achord	1.0	26	No change
Krysta Haugeberg	1.0	27	No change
Morgan Coats	1.0	28	No change
New Position for 16-17	1.0		Add new teacher
Current Year	4.0	26.75 in 4 classes = 107	
Total for 2016-2017	5.0	131 into 5 classes = 26 per class	

We will be adding a new teacher in 3rd grade next year due to the projected enrollment in that grade level.

4th Grade

TEACHER	FTE	111 Students	Staff Changes
Melissa Bessire	1.0	28	No Change
Kathy Muecke	1.0	27	No change
Teresa White	1.0	29	No change
Nicole Bradford	1.0	27	No change
Current Year	4.0	27.75 in 4 classes = 111	
Total for 2016-2017	4.0	107 in 4 classes = 26.75 per class	

This is a somewhat high number to begin the year with for 4th grade. At Rupert we generally get several new students when school starts. If we needed to add a 4th grade class, if the numbers get high, we do not have the space to add a classroom.

5th Grade

TEACHER	FTE	116 Students	Staff Changes
Suzi Bailes	1.0	28	No changes
Sheri Boldt	1.0	28	No changes
Dakota Barclay	1.0	30	No changes
Katy Laumb	1.0	30	No changes
Current Year	4.0	29 in 4 classes = 116	
Total for 2016-2017	4.0	111 into 4 classes = 27.75 per class	

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Support Staff

TEACHER	FTE	POSITION	Staff Changes
Leslie Korth	1.0	Title I, ESL and Instructional Coach	No change
Devin Christenson	1.0	Computer Teacher	No change
Kate Hicks	1.0	Special Education	No change
Alex Greenfield	1.0	Special Education	No change
Vickie Neiwert	0.25	Student support	No change
Shanan Aston	0.25	Gifted and Talented	No change
Mike Gill	1.0	Support Teacher	No change
New person	1.0	Instructional Coach	Add
Current Year Total	5.50		
2016-2017 Total	4.5		

Allocated FTE 15-16	Total FTE from above	Total FTE available	Current Enrollment
27.25	27.25	0	696

2015-2016 allocation – 30.5

Requested allocation for 2016-2017 – 32.5

Back in the 2012-2013 school year, (so we did not have to go through the RIF process), when folks retired from Rupert Elementary we combined several positions. For example: The reading coach was one FTE, ESL was one FTE, and Title 1 was one FTE. I moved all of those full time positions into one position. It has been this way for past 4 years. With our growth and adding new staff over the past few years we need the guided support of a full time instructional coach. I am asking that if we are financially able could we begin moving back toward reinstating some of those lost FTEs, that disappeared during the difficult economic times. To keep us focused and on the cutting edge of excellence we need an instructional coach to assist in maintaining excellent instruction.