



WEST BONNER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #83

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What I <u>Know</u>	What I <u>Wonder</u>	What I have <u>Learned</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall people know that all District services are important to student development and achievement, recognize the importance of education in the community and want more & better services. (4) Community members state that transportation and facilities' availability and safety is a priority. (3) The community recognizes that the District is not adequately funded by the State Legislature. (3) The people acknowledge that food services are necessary for student brain development, academic attentiveness, & physical growth. (3) People understand that the District is under-staffed. (4) Many recognized the importance of co and extra-curricular activities, and elective courses in the district. (3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community members want to know how we can retain teachers when neighbors pay more? (4) Patrons wonder how to unite the community to support education, support one-another, and focus on what the District can provide students in the community? (2) People wondered: How can we balance finances with essential District services? (3) Can Extra and Co-curricular activities be paired down to save money? (3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The High School needs more electives / CTE. (3) The kitchens need to be updated. (2) Creating two budgets may assist the District in worst-case scenarios. (1) PRE can accommodate all elementary school students in the District if necessary. (1) People made suggestions for solutions to financial issues: (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vacancy tax (leverage second homeowner community) Secondary tax credit for struggling households Seeking alternative funding sources, like students sending letters to wealthy individuals such as Elon Musk Reaching out to industries or programs for partnership options.

A number in parenthesis at the end of the bullet point indicates the number of tables that mentioned something pertaining to that bullet point. It may be exactly the same, similar enough to warrant tally, or have the same meaning. There were 4 total tables of participants.

See Below for General Tally of Priority on Issues

Out of 4 Tables, These Issues Were Priorities							
Transportation	Facilities	Food / Nutrition	Staffing: - More - Better Salary - Qualified	Electives / CTE	Co and Extra-Curricular	Finance: - Legislative action - Careful Budgeting - Alternative Funding	District Support: - Student service focus - Generating interest
4	3	3	4	2	2	3	2

Budget

K-W-L Chart Sample

What I <u>K</u> now	What I <u>W</u> onder (or <u>w</u> ant to know)	What I have <u>L</u> earned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of funding - State does not adequately fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do we retain teachers when neighbors pay more? 	<p>Could we do a student letter writing campaign to Elon Musk for 10 million dollars for JH renovation?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All areas of school operation are important - where do you start prioritizing? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do you unite the community to support education and support one another? - How will larger class sizes help achievement and engagement? 	<p>How do we leverage second home owners community? Secondary tax credit?</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can we ensure safe transport & bldgs? 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do we resist the tendency to silo and isolate when facing resource scarcity? 	

- What other funding sources are available?

Teacher contracts / qualified teachers

Budget

High school needs electives

More staffing in general

Safe buses - fill all bus routes

Current curriculum

Retain extra curricular programs co-curricular

Counselors

Psychologists

Food services / update kitchen

Priorities for budget

1. Educating ~~the~~ Students - High levels of learning
small class sizes good curriculum
2. Facilities ~~a~~ places to educate student qualified teachers
that are safe, warm, and efficient.
3. Transportation - getting students to school safely

~~1.~~ Creating two budgets - one with levy monies and one without

~~4.~~ Extra Curricular - co-curricular - Sports, aca deca, drama, ~~clubs~~ continue but pare down?

~~5.~~ Food - lunch program healthy food

Questions



What I Know	What I Wonder	What I Learned
CTE is critical for our Community	How can we teach the community how important	Here's what we want for our kids' should be the focus
We need better Salaries to Compete w/ Washington & retain Staff.	funding education is? How can we bring in students & attract homeschoolers?	When communicating our communities' educational needs. <u>Budget</u>
Not enough options for Courses @ HS & OR High	How can we bring CTE programs to OR High?	
We need the State to pay for education!	How can we leverage partnerships to ease the financial burden?	
52% of voters turned out & there was only a 400+ Voter difference	What is an exploratory school?	
Proper Brain/Physical development is tied to Good nutrition.	Ag & Ranching are important here. how can we / do we have the space to bring these programs to our students?	
PRE could accommodate all elementary students in the District.		