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## Budget Committee

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To: "rlindeen@corbett.k12.or.us" <rlindeen@corbett.k12.or.us>

Hi Robin,

Can you provide information on the budget committee position? What does it entail time wise? More specifics about the role and responsibilities?

Also, I had something I wanted the budget committee to consider with the upcoming budget if this is the right place to do it.

I would like the district to consider allocating funds to support academic sports. It's my understanding that the teachers/staff are not paid for extracurricular academic competition groups. I may be misinformed but this is my understanding. The district has numerous groups like Math is Cool, Oregon Battle of the Books, STEM and possibly more than I am aware of. I don't believe these programs are supported by the district from a financial perspective. The staff and teachers that lead and support these groups do so generously as volunteers.

These groups provide so much enrichment to the lives of students as well as their academic futures. Since I only have children in the grade and middle school, I can speak mainly from that point of view. The Corbett Math is Cool teams are taking their 6,7 and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams to Masters in Moses Lake, WA this April due their amazing performances at the local competition. My 7<sup>th</sup> grader was so excited about her competitions that she would bring Math to her swim competitions to do when she had breaks. Math is cool turned my 5<sup>th</sup> grader who routinely screams "I hate math" at home while doing homework into a competitor who learned a lot on the team and actually really enjoyed the team and competition. The grade school also had amazing turn out for our first Corbett Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) team in a long time. These kids were tasked to read 16 books from December to March, memorize details and compete against their peers with their knowledge. We took a team of 5 students to the regional competition after the first round they scored 5<sup>th</sup> overall and made it to the final 8 round. Most students started studying the previous spring and our students had 2.5 months to prepare. They did absolutely amazing. Corbett also in their Newsletters promotes the accomplishments of their high school students achievements like STEM and Robotics and making it to the state competitions. We have so many National Scholars in Corbett. Many of whom benefit from participating in academic opportunities.

Everyone in Corbett benefits from the numerous athletic and academic excellence programs we have. I'm advocating that we allocate funds to grow these academic programs and support a Corbett future where academics and athletics receive equitable financial support. Many of these programs are supported by teachers, staff or parents that volunteer because their children are involved. Once their children move on it risks the continuation of these programs. Financial funding would support and ensure that these academic sports are available for Corbett's future academic success.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,