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Budget Development Meeting – Susan B English PAC

More than 70 community members attended this meeting and participated in discussions regarding KPB's FY18 budget. There was much concern regarding the future of Susan B English and the students – both present and future. The mood was somber at best.

The following is a list of ideas and concepts of how to cut over \$100,000 out of Susan B English's budget while still trying to offer complete and satisfactory education to our students.

- Negotiate lower price for fuel; Seldovia's fuel barge is different than the rest of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, therefore making it a negotiable item.
- It was brought up that the Kenai Peninsula Borough is not funding the School District to "the cap." Why isn't the Borough contributing the maximum amount or close to the maximum to the School District. How can the contribution increase? What can we do to facilitate this?
- Increase enrollment.
- Consider eliminating the senior citizen tax exemption to increase tax dollars coming into the system.
- Cut the school nurse position
- Consider turning the pool into a community pool- funded by grants, taxpayer (service area tax), or private enterprise
- Closing off parts of building that aren't being used; including the shop.
- Cut .5 FTE certified staff
- Change the administration set up.
- High School Boarding school configuration
- Move the school to the shop and mothball the school facility

DIRECTLY FROM WRITTEN INPUT:

- District to offer early retirement buy outs to reduce salary costs
- District should focus on energy grants
- Close down the brand new shop building
- Stop saying we can't do in that way, start thinking out of the box
- Cut health benefits to family members
- Cut custodians
- Change the way the Borough (school district) can raise funds; allow district to raise private funds
- Reduce Support hours
- More math/science teachers, English/History online or distance ed
- Put in energy efficient thermostats in all areas of school
- Lease pool to SNA, SVT, The City, find grants to cover costs associated with pool
- Combine custodian and pool manager position
- No more lunches, bring their own

- Convert all lighting to LED
- Instead of cutting staff and building, work on increasing population and enrollment
- Keep the teachers, cut the shop
- Get Homer Fuel companies to bid against Seldovia Fuel and Lube to get a better price for fuel