

Tigard-Tualatin School District 23J  
2009 Budget Process Committee Survey Comments

1. No improvement. Just continue to keep the committee and general public informed about the many subsequent steps yet to come.
2. Thanks! Sorry it was solemn work.
3. I would have liked one more session with the group. Felt like time was too short.
4. In the subcommittee I would have liked a more detailed budget.
5. Presentation quality quite varied. Hard to stay with the level of detail.
6. I like that every voice was heard.
7. Very hard to do, but thought there was a good representation of people from all over the district.
8. Provide background information sooner and also more information on all school funding.
9. Needed line item budgets to explain categories. Were not put in our areas of expertise.
10. Needed more detailed numbers.
11. Needed more small group time.
12. More time on actual figures.
13. Awesome job! Thanks.
14. The openness of this process has been fantastic. I really appreciate the community getting to be involved.
15. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of the discussion. These are tough times and hard decisions need to be made. Please do not lose focus on the most important part of this process – EDUCATION- and the people who will deliver the education to our children. “Teachers”. Thank you.
16. My dissatisfaction with this part of the process was merely with the length of time allowed for this crucial part of the process. Our group met early at the last meeting to continue our discussion and prioritization. Allowing 2 meetings for this process would have been better in my opinion – one to develop suggestions, time to reflect in-between, the next week to prioritize and organize the presentation for the group. Thank you!
17. The presentations were very helpful, however, when we broke into groups they didn’t necessarily tie back to the \$100 budget information.

*(Survey comments continued)*

18. It would have been helpful if the individual presentations included a roll-up of their budget that tied to the categories on the \$100 budget.
19. No one really followed the principles.
20. I felt that there was not enough opportunity to have people who knew the consequences of what the cuts in FTE really meant. Just cutting an FTE isn't, in some cases, cutting 1 person, it is more than 1 or 2 positions. Plus 1 person may have separate jobs in their 6 hour day.
21. I was surprised there were 4 parents and only one core teacher on my committee. Seemed there should have been equal teacher representation.
22. I was on the Tigard-Tualatin School District budget committee 2 years ago (not last year) and again this year. Is there a way to contact past budget committee members to re-join each year's committee? I realize the value of adding new minds/perspectives, but a core group would be nice to have input on what worked/didn't work/needs/etc.
23. Certain member of the small group who never attended the small group meeting was allowed to change the agreed-upon outcome.
24. I think the cuts should've been made in smaller chunks –cut \$500K of FTE/class size (repeat as necessary) rather than “increase class size by 4”.
25. It would have been more helpful to have more detail of the program budget once we broke into small groups. One meeting to meet in the small groups and then make recommendations was not enough time.
26. Great group process.
27. We needed more time for small groups.