

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625**  
**Saint Paul, Minnesota**  
**MINUTES OF THE BFAC MEETING**

**September 27, 2018**

**ROLL CALL**

The meeting began at 6:00pm.

<b>Board:</b>	J. Schumacher, M. Xiong
<b>Staff:</b>	J. Gothard, C. Baker, A. Schilling, M. Schrul, J. Engen, P. Matamoros, S. Dahlke, H. Ott,
<b>Other:</b>	O. King, C. Howett, P. Hendricks, W. Kieser, M. Shore T. Marder

**OPENING**

- Director Schumacher welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked everyone for being a part of the committee, and continuing to be a part of the process. He reminded the group that the Board will play less of a role in the Budget & Finance Advisory Committee (BFAC) because recommendations will be brought to the Board.

**Summary of the Budget & Finance Advisory Committee activities from 2017-18:**

Last year's BFAC meetings were used as more of an education for the BFAC members – this year will be sub-groups meeting together to offer suggestions to Administration who intern will present the suggestions to the Board of Education

**Community input from 2017-18:**

1. Areas of interest from 2017-18 BFAC meetings
  - a. Line item auditing
  - b. Innovation for schools to get revenue differently – new ideas
  - c. Explore new allocation models:
    - i. SMART School model
    - ii. Zero based budgeting
    - iii. Others?
2. Why do we do what we do with what we have?
3. We are an urban school district and we must look at each school and ask how they fit the “whole” of the strategic plan
4. Requested direction from BFAC 2018-19 at first meeting (9/27/18)
  - a. We need a clear charge from Administration /Board of Education on what our purpose/direction of work should be
  - b. We will be glad to help if we have an assurance that we will be heard and articulated/justified changes will occur to better our student outcomes
5. The group needs to be a cross-section of who we serve – parents/students/community/business

### **Administration/Board of Education recommendations for BFAC 2018-19:**

1. How we perform budgeting/education at SPPS is not sustainable – we require a new model for allocation of resources (monetary and human capital)
2. The changes we make must align with the strategic plan
  - a. <https://www.spps.org/Domain/14251>
3. We cannot work at cross purposes – All behaviors/decisions must weigh the cost to the all affected by the decision
4. Boundaries must be set on what can and can't be changed
  - a. Staff and community need to be heard respectfully
  - b. No suggestions are wrong
  - c. All suggestions must be articulated with their motivation and rationale for the change
5. The group needs to be a cross-section of who we serve – parents/students/community/business

### **NEXT STEPS**

- Present a charge for the committee
- Divide into subcommittees and begin work on the charge

### **FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

- October 16
- October 30

### **WRAP UP**

Director sent an invite out to the current group members for October 16, 2018 and October 30, 2018

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.