

Cupertino School District Community Advisory Committee

Notes from the March 22, 2017

Chris Jew, CBO, continued his presentation on the district fiscal condition. Key points from the presentation included a confluence of issues that impact the district budget. These include:

- *declining enrollment* which negatively impacts district revenue in districts which count on state funding based on student attendance. Mr. Jew clarified that unfortunately the Cupertino School District does not qualify for status as a Basic Aid district meaning that it can self fund from district property taxes as many of the neighboring districts (e.g. Sunnyvale, Santa Clara Palo Alto) are able to do.
- the impact of the *new state funding formula*, the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) which favors districts with higher numbers of students who are English Learners and on Free and Reduced Lunch status
- *increased costs in special education* requiring the district (and all districts) to fund programs from district funds given that the federal special education requirements are not fully funded by the government
- a shift in increased *employee pension costs* by the state to the local districts

Mr. Jew acknowledged the support of the community in passing the parcel tax which supplements district revenue.

The agenda item on school enrollment and capacity was tabled until the next meeting April 19.

The CAC agreed to meet on April 19 in lieu of the April 12 meeting that conflicted with spring break.

Future Meeting Dates:

April 19

April 26

May 10

May 24

June 14

June 28

Meetings are held at the Cupertino District Office, 6:00-8:00. *(Please consider meeting until 8:30 for the May/June meetings. We will confirm at the April 19 meeting).*

Next Time Agenda: Information on student enrolment and capacity

