

November 16, 2017 – McKinley Elementary School Sounding Board Budget Meeting Notes

Priorities

- Additional counselors and behavior specialists needed in the schools
- Class size increases are not recommended as those will negatively impact instruction
- Improve online libraries and e-resources available to teachers and students to complement print-based textbooks (Example: Fairfax E-Card)

Tradeoffs

- Look for efficiencies in the use of building electrical power (all school lights are unnecessary on until 10:00 pm)
- Look for central office reductions. Are all central support and clerical positions brought back in last year budget necessary?
- Revise and improve school materials purchasing processes to avoid having unused textbooks and consumables
- Option to use on-line materials from multiple resources to avoid the need for student workbooks
- Revise the Personalized Learning Devices policy. Do students need mobile electronic devices before 4th grade?
- Are additional devices necessary for testing? Can the students use the same devices provided to them through the APS Personalized Learning Devices Program?

Communication

- Offer a survey to fill out for budget concerns/issues