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ASB experiences \$15,000 budget cutback

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When the school district placed the two high schools on an even playing field by reducing WLHS's ASB fee to \$40, the \$10 cut per student amounted to an overall budget of approximately \$15,000 less than previous years.

"What it did was essentially cut ASB's budget in half, so clubs can basically expect to receive half of their budget from last year, or even less," Butch Self, ASB adviser, said. "Fundraising for clubs has to not just be an option, but a requirement."

Along with encouraging fundraising, ASB is also re-evaluating the budget. This doesn't just include clubs, but also athletics, and financial contributions to both. Their plans look at how the budget will be used.

"We are going to distribute a smaller percentage of the budget per group. But saying that, we are going to have a process for proposals. After the groups run out of allotted money, they can propose a



Valorie Wallace, Associated Student Body president, leads the first budget meeting in which representatives requested funds for their clubs on Oct. 28. ASB plans on holding monthly meetings with clubs to discuss news and important activities going on within each club.

reason to receive more," Valorie Wallace, ASB president, said.

"We have also taken a portion of the funds from ASB and saved it for future events throughout the year," Self said. This plan also allows clubs to come back to ASB when they run out of money and propose a plan of how they would spend the funds, if they received them, in an effective and productive way.

During the first meeting on Oct. 28, club representatives tried to understand the difficulty that the budget cut

was presenting to ASB.

"The ASB meeting was really well organized. They are working hard to manage the reduced budget," Kristen Tremaine, International Club representative, said.

After every group was heard from, ASB sat down and tried to work out how best to give each club its requested amount with the available budget, according to Self. Three of the groups that came, including sophomore and junior class councils and the Debs stated that they were not

asking for any money from ASB. Other groups such as Young Advocates for Peace simply wanted enough money to begin to fundraise, and several groups including GATA and Kaleidoscope wanted ASB's help in spreading the word around school about

what their clubs are about.

The budget for all the clubs that attended the meeting (a club won't receive funding unless they attended) is \$5,076.03 and will be distributed on a strict need basis. According to Self, ASB did not want clubs collecting funds that may not be completely used on needs, while another group would have to dramatically cut back because they didn't receive enough money to meet their needs.

"It is just more expensive to run certain clubs," Wallace said. "Everyone needs to understand that ASB has \$15,000 less than previous years. This means that we don't even have that amount to give out. To get what they want they absolutely have to fundraise."

Eco-friendly primary school comes to WL

EMILY REED

Children need education, and now there will be a new and different place for them to obtain it. The School District is working on building a new primary school that will have a design that will differ from all other schools in the district.

The design will meld very advanced building material and technically advanced equipment to give students a chance to gain independence. "The forts and slides will bring a very different feel to the school," Woehl said.

With the new addition to the district, there has been fear that this school will replace Sunset Primary School. Roger Woehl, Superintendent, reassures everyone that Sunset will not be replaced. The building is very old and needs to be updated, but that will happen in addition to the new school being built.

The contemporary design of the school will feature a green, sustainable design that will keep up with the changing economic times. The building will be LEED certified, which is a sustainability rating system that measures how "green" a building is.

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Donations total over 380 lives saved



Photo by Libby Kara

Max McCann, junior, donates blood at the Blood Drive on Oct. 21. Although some students were deferred due to low iron or red blood cell count, the amount of blood donated was enough to save 380 lives. Unfortunately, this was below the goal set by the Red Cross, but Julie McLeod, Blood Drive coordinator, felt that the results were great considering how many students were experiencing illnesses. The next blood drive will be March 31, and will be the last for McLeod, who is retiring after this year, but is leaving with good memories of her blood drive experiences. "I am so impressed with our students who are always giving of themselves so freely, whether they're giving blood or volunteering for the Blood Drive," McLeod said.

Spell check follies

BENJAMIN MANN

Spell check: a good friend when you accidentally make a typo or are unsure of how something is spelled, but an annoying pest when it highlights names and words that are fine as-is.

An idea ripped directly from "The Edge" in *The Oregonian*, we invite you to try it yourself and submit your best on our blog at <http://www.wlhs.wlww.k12.or.us/blogs/Amplifier>. Bring it on...

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