Iroquois Budget Reflection

The Iroquois budget proposal is cohesive and thorough in a simplistic format to be presented succinctly. Working with a team of leaders prior to the budget presentation, the vision and mission statement would have been reviewed keeping in mind the plan for the high school as its population progresses. The very clear goals would also have been discussed through leadership teams in the education community to decide what budget needs to focus on for growth to meet the mission and vision for the school. The presentation team would also practice the to be sure they made the time allotted period in for the presentation to be presented professionally.

The inclusion of the enrollment slide is important to see if the population is growing or shrinking. A growing school population will need to increase their budget to meet the needs of new technologies and the possibility of adding staff. Seeing the growth or decline of a population can help guide a budget team to make investments on items like technology that will be in use for multiple school years. Seeing the patterns of population can aid in when is the time to invest in larger expenditures. When this slide is presented, conversations in the room could be anything from: why the difference in numbers, what are the student test scores like in the larger cohorts, or were low test scores because of larger class sizes or lack of professionals to assist with special education needs?

Pushback from the Superintendent's office could occur with the increase in the technology budget depending on when technology was updated the last time. Many schools updated this through the Covid era to be sure all students had devices to meet the digital world of education. The Superintendent may wish to wait to increase the technology equipment budget until the next school year. Also, with the upcoming lower population cohort, the Superintendent may approve the increases now but warn when numbers drop to expect availability of money to drop as well.

The orderly fashion that this budget presentation follows with cultivating, emphasizing and communicating the goals for the upcoming school year, sells the budget to the Superintendent. I suspect there is wiggle room in the budget from the high school Administrator team assuming the Superintendent will ask for some cuts to be made. I feel this is a responsible plan to be ready to meet the demands of the Superintendent while staying true to the mission of the school.