

Thanks for your input!! Good thoughts!! It does get frustrating to me as a trustee of Dist. 271 that levies get mentioned along with salient input and facts on one side or the other of most issues. To sit on the board is to be in a decision making position so decisions are made and we couldn't possibly always make decisions that please everybody. Why always threaten us with the levy issue? We sit on that board and try to do the best we can with the resources given us. To hold us hostage with levies is to sabotage our mission in this District. I personally sat in on the Leadership team that has met during the course of this school year. They are the ones who crafted the job-embedded collaboration being purposed and teacher input was a component part of the process so it isn't fair to say teachers had no input. Weekly, perhaps daily at times, I hear that we as a Board mishandle funds. I have never mishandled funds but also have never had my integrity besmirched as much as I have since sitting on the Board. I personally am in favor of the collaboration process. For forty years I led large staffs and we wouldn't dream of carrying on work without staff meetings and collaboration. The right hand has to know what the left hand is doing. Is isn't as easy as one might think to come up with a convenient time that works for more than 1200 teachers (not including some other staff). The Leadership team worked long and hard on what we hope is the best solution (not a perfect one by any means). Let's take the issues one at a time and when it's time for the levy we'll talk about it!!

Sincerely,  
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