

#### **The Budget Process**



#### Who Determines the Budget?

- The Board of Trustees are responsible for Ashwood's budget
- The Finance
   Committee advises the
   Board
- The Administration manages the budget



#### **Budgeting**

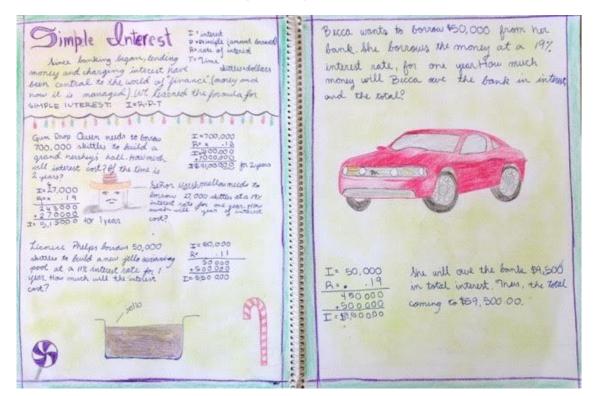
#### **Tuition and Tuition Assistance**

Development



#### **Budgeting**

Like any other family, Ashwood begins with an estimate of what our income and expense is going to be.





### We start with our priorities as outlined in the strategic plan.



- 1. Maintain tuition at a rate that is sustainable to midcoast Maine families.
- 2. Develop new revenue sources, capitalizing on the school's extensive facilities.
- 3. Increase faculty salaries and benefits to bring them in line with other Waldorf schools in our region.
- 4. Design and implement new marketing strategies to better convey our mission, program, and alumni success.
- 5. Sustain the multi-age classroom model.
- 6. Enhance Ashwood's campus by optimizing outdoor and indoor spaces on school property.



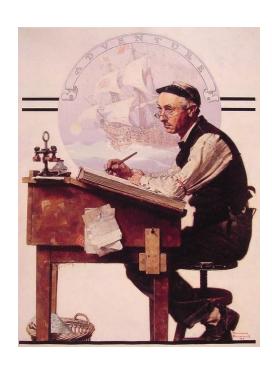
#### How is tuition set?

By balancing income and expenses





### The expenses in the budget reflect the strategic priorities:



- 1) Salaries of teachers and administrators
- 2) Tuition assistance
- 3) Operating and program expenses based on prior year financial statements
- 4) New expenses which come as a result of inflation, new maintenance and facilities care and new staffing needs.

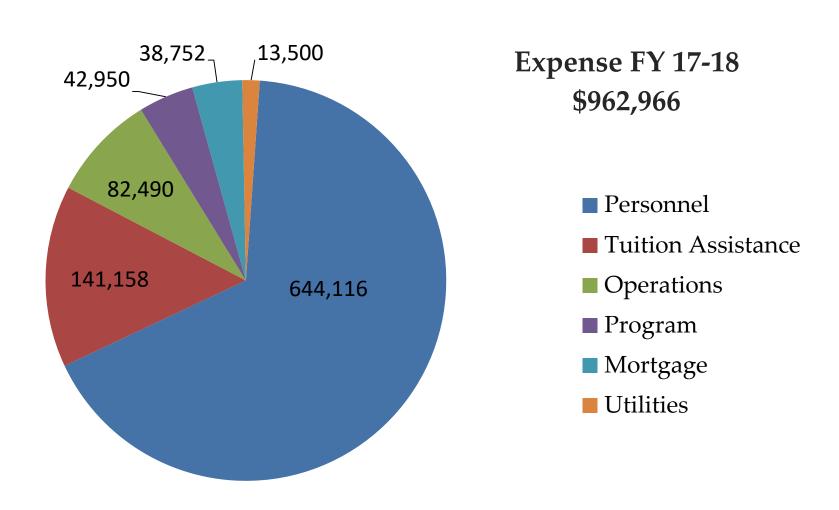


#### **Expenses**

2017-2018	
Personnel	\$644,116
Tuition Assistance and Other Discounts	\$141,158
Operations	\$82,490
Program	\$42,950
Mortgage	\$38,752
Utilities	\$13,500
Total Expenses	\$962,966



#### The Expense Pie





#### What determines income?



1) Enrollment

2) Development

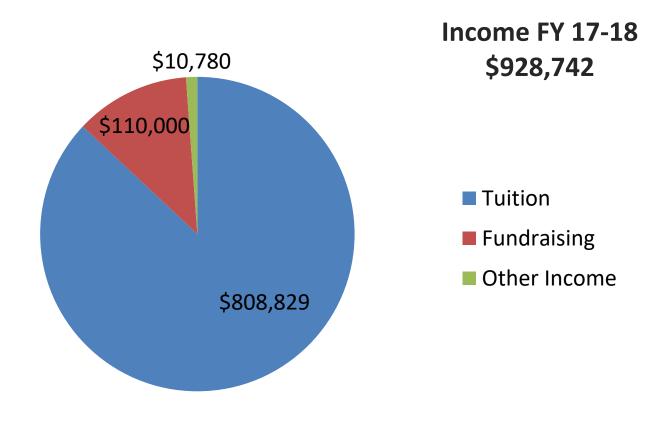


#### **Income**

2017-2018	
All Tuition Income	\$808,829
Investment Income	\$2,000
Fundraising:	
Annual Appeal	\$40,000
Children Are Our Future (CAOF)	\$45,000
Serve-A-Thon	\$25,000
Rental Income, Fees, Leaflet Ads	\$1,875
Summer Camp, Other Ancillary Programs	\$6,905
Total Income	\$928,742



#### The Income Pie



#### **Tuition Assistance at Ashwood**



50% of all Ashwood families benefit from tuition assistance, including loans.



# Tuition assistance is a program that bridges the gap between cost and what a family can afford.

- There are limited funds available each year; we don't know what the applicant pool will be.
- 2. TADS, a nationwide independent financial-aid service, evaluates each application and determines a raw need score.
- 3. Scores go to the Tuition Assistance Committee for review. The committee is made up of community members who are not board members, parents, or staff.
- 4. Recommendations are made and award letters go out.



### Why Do We Fundraise at Ashwood?

To bridge the gap between the real cost of a Waldorf education and affordable tuition rates.

What is fundraising income used for?

- 1. To cover expenses each year
- 2. Long term sustainability





### Which Fundraisers Help us to Meet Our Operating Budget?

- 1. The Annual Appeal
- 2. Children Are Our Future
- 3. The Serve-A-Thon
- 4. Class Fundraising
- 5. Other Donations





## What is the real cost of educating your children?

2016-2017 REAL COST	2016-2017 ACTUAL TUITION PAID
1-2 Grade: \$14,800	1-2 Grade: \$10,300
3-8 Grade: \$15,200	3-8 Grade: \$10,700



# What Fundraising Campaigns Strengthen Ashwood's Long Term Sustainability?

- The Endowment
- Planned Giving
- Other Donations





#### The Bottom Line

Total Income	\$928,742
Total Expenses	\$962,966
Operating Loss	\$34,224



We find delight in the beauty and happiness of children that makes the heart too big for the body.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)