**Student Involvement**

On a Budget – 32 Years and counting

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**Student Government Day**

- Interactive review of real world issues
- Insight into local government operations
- Improve the understanding of community
- Research by students
- Discussion of what we are, what we do and what we face

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**What is “Student Government Day”**

- In most cases, students first contact w/local government
- Shadowing of public officials & City staff

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**What Do We Do**

- One-on-one contact with student counterparts
- In-depth review of real world issues – nothing is made up
- Lesson in Civics
- Parliamentary procedures
- Facilitated processes
- Complete packets the for event
- Mock Council meeting
- Raise awareness of community issues
- Promote buy-in on community projects
- Full debrief on events

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**How Do We Do It**

- Pre-meeting w/school officials to determine subjects
- Brainstorm with administrative staff on how to handle subjects
- Schedule outside resources if needed
- Order pizza!!!

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**How Do We Do It**

- Preparation of materials/packets
- Televiser Mock Council Meeting
- Get everyone involved
- Prep Staff
- Teachers are involved in prepping students
- Cost = up to $5,000
City Priorities – City Council’s list of goals, objectives and strategies

What Do We Talk About

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The city of Cañon City has a strategic plan for its future and it’s important to talk about what we will be doing to support this strategic plan. The strategic plan outlines the city’s current direction in a readable format, provides a roadmap for the city’s future, and presents the community with the opportunity to participate and contribute.

What Do We Talk About

Youth Issues

What Do We Talk About

Policy documents
- Local laws
- Civics
- TABOR
- Election issues
- Budget – the good, the bad and the ugly

What Do We Talk About

Planning & Zoning issues

What Could We Do Differently

- Work towards longer term political engagement by students
- Participation in political action committees
- Student support of community activities
- Youth Commissions
- City officials in classrooms

Maybe better help?!!
10 Thoughts to Get Through Almost Any Crisis

1. Indecision is the key to flexibility
2. There is always one more SOB than you counted on
3. If you ever find something you like, buy a lifetime supply
4. This is as bad as it can get, but don’t count on it
5. The facts, though interesting, are irrelevant
6. There is absolutely no substitute for a genius lack of preparation
7. Happiness is merely the remission of pain
8. It’s hard to be nostalgic when you can’t remember anything
9. Sometimes too much drink isn’t enough
10. Friends may come and friends may go, but enemies accumulate

10 More Worth Considering

11. Anything worth fighting for is worth fighting dirty for
12. Someone who thinks logically is a nice contrast to the real world
13. Things are more like they are today than they ever have been before
14. The other line always moves faster until you get in it
15. If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame it on
16. Everything should be made as simple as possible but no simpler
17. Nostalgia isn’t what it used to be
18. If you think there is good in everybody, you haven’t met everybody
19. By the time you make ends meet, they move the ends
20. And finally, the more you run over a dead cat, the flatter it gets

After A Hard Day – Why Not?

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