



Festival Planning Document

Imagine your school is hosting a festival to raise money for the local elementary, middle, and high schools. Certain parameters have already been decided, but there are many logistics that need to be agreed upon. The community has sent many requests for the planning committee to review and consider. The survey of community requests was conducted and provided percentages to help you make your decisions. It is not possible for all of these requests to be accommodated, so it is your job as the planning committee to take these requests and come up with a compromise that makes the most sense for the whole community. For each category, read the requests and make final decisions by balancing the community's needs.

Parameters Set

- **Location:** School grounds
- **Date:** On a weekend
- **Budget:** \$5,000

Day and Time

Setting the day and time for an event is very important. In order to raise as much money as possible, you must find a day that works for most people in the community.

Requests

- 65% of people said they would come between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Friday.
- 85% of people said they would come on Saturday between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m.
- 75% of people said they would not come on Sunday because they have to work early the next day.
- 15% of people said they could not come on Saturday because of a recreation-league basketball tournament.
- The neighborhood that surrounds the school requested that there be no loud noise after 8 p.m.

Decisions

Best day to host the festival: _____

Reasoning:

Best time to host the festival: _____

Reasoning:



Entry Fee

The planning committee must decide whether to charge an entry fee to the festival.

Requests

- The entire student body population cannot afford to go if there is an entry fee.
- The principals request an entry fee be charged to increase funds for school programs.
- 45% of people said they were more likely to come if the event was free.
- 25% of people said they would pay a \$10-\$15 fee but only if they can use electronic payment by credit or debit card.
- 30% of people said they would pay a fee but only if it were \$5 or less.
- The principals request to use cash only because credit cards require the school to pay processing fees.

Decisions

Will the festival be free or have a fee? ____

Reasoning:

If there is a fee, how much will it cost? ____

Reasoning:

Entertainment

The planning committee must decide what entertainment will bring the most people to the festival.

Requests

- The elementary school requested rides, such as a Ferris wheel and carousel, for entertainment.
- The middle school requested games for entertainment.
- The high school requested a talent show for entertainment.

Decisions

What entertainment will be at the festival?

Reasoning:



Food

The planning committee must decide what food to provide.

Requests

- A vegan group requested several options be available to those who don't eat meat.
- 95% of the community prefers meals with meat. Only 5% of the community are vegetarian or vegan.
- School administration requested to use the cafeteria to decrease costs.
- Food trucks typically increase festival attendance by 15%.
- Depending on the time of the event, some people may only want to eat snacks.

Decisions

What food will be at the festival?

Reasoning:

Reflection Questions

1. How did you feel as you made these decisions?
2. What surprised you most about this process?
3. How do you think the community would react to your decisions? Why?
4. What other types of requests for this festival might be made that could require compromise?
5. What role does compromise play in making decisions?
6. Is compromise easy or challenging? Explain.