THE NEW PUBLISHING ROOM

The school has just found an unused storage room that they want to convert into a new publishing room for the yearbook committee to work in. There are three options for how to purchase flooring for this room:

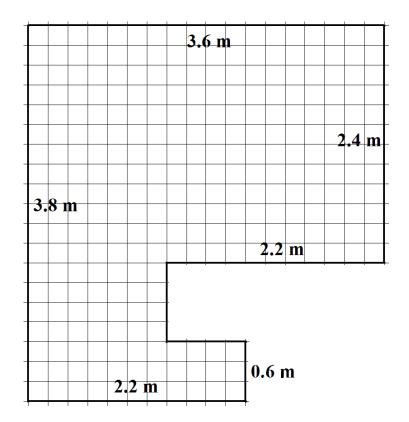
Square Tiles – each tile is 20 cm x 20 cm and costs \$28 for a box of 20 tiles. Individual tiles can also be bought for \$2 a piece. Unused tiles cannot be returned.

Rectangular Panels – each panel is 20 cm x 60 cm and costs \$33 for a box of 8 panels. They cannot be purchased in individual panels and unused panels cannot be returned.

Sheets - each sheet is 1 m x 2 m and costs \$50 each. The sheets are sold individually and unused sheets cannot be returned.

Cost is an issue! Your task is twofold:

- a) Determine which floor costs less.
- b) Prove to the principal that your choice is the **best** possible solution (costs less than any other proposal).



The new Publishing Room – work grids

