

**Highly Capable Learners Parent Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 14, 2015**  
**9:30 am – 11:30 am**

**Attendees:** Dawn Christiana, Maria Griggs, Rhonda Schraeder-Young, Rachel Throolin, Sherri Guiton, Adam Resnick, Veronica Douglas, Pam Pottle, Keith Schacht, Lisa Van Doren, Robert Kalahan, Maia Thomas, Samantha King, Jeanne Gaffney, Sara White, Kelly Booker, Vicky Reardon, Quenby Peterson, Trish Neary, Mike Copland, Chelsea Jackson

**Welcome and Introductions** – Dawn Christiana – 3 Questions:

1. One word that describes your child identified as HCL?
2. One exciting thing about raising a gifted child?
3. One hope for HCL in Bellingham?

**Overview** – Dawn Christiana. Explanation of application process for HCL PAC. Meetings are public and open but the core group of applicants has been asked to represent the larger picture of their school, department, or area of focus.

**PowerPoint Presentation** – Dawn Christiana – Responsibilities and Communication, Norms of Collaboration. Decade Document, Goal Review and Refinement, Personal Input, and Feedback.

**Decade Document – Group Discussions**

- Group 1. Program Options – Southern California pull-out model vs. our cluster model has us asking is differentiation actually happening in the classroom, middle school is through clubs, high school is more self-directed.
- Group 2. Student Learning Plans (SLPs) – Moving forward 100% SLPs and done collaboratively → we need additional support to reach that goal.
- Group 3. Enrollment – increased enrollment some years high and some years low, minorities' even greater highs and lows → curious breakout of minority from universal screener years → students who weren't a part of universal screener process how are they getting picked up? → cultural bias? → when do kids get counted?
- Group 4. Identification Process – progressively we became broader → what is the plan going forward and what dilemmas does the plan address?

\*Dawn's review of funding contributions was shared for perspective on increase of HCL funding.

**Goal Review and Revision-Small Group Discussion**

- Communication-Draft goals started the conversation and participants provided revisions regarding website updates, central repository for information
- Student Learning Plans-Draft goals revised to include adding check in, moving dates next year, measuring

- Differentiation-Draft goals revised to include possible approaches, .2 at each school focused on HCL, training for teachers

Dawn will take revisions and ideas to larger team for discussion and refinement. Final version will be shared October 27<sup>th</sup> at Family Night and posted on the website.

**Announcements** – Nancy Hertzog from UW will be coming alongside Dawn Christiana as an expert in the field. Teachers will be invited to take part in a presentation at UW with Nancy observing at the Robinson Center. She will also be attending a future HCL Family Night.

**Next Meeting – November 18, 2015. 9:30 am – 11:30 am – Room 205.**