Bellingham School District
HCL Program and Enrichment Options Ad Hoc Committee
March 26, 2009
2:00- 3:30   PM
Roeder Administration Bldg. Room 212

Proposed Agenda

Purpose: After a review of the intermediate and long-range timelines for completing the charges of the committee, work groups will have time to complete the accomplishment their short goal, map their steps for their long term goal and share their work plan with the whole committee.

1. Welcome and Overview of Agenda
    3 min.   Facilitator/ Whole group
    *Darlene demonstrated non-HCL students' flip book projects
    *Susan explained how WA State allocates funds to a district's HCL Program. Districts can opt to have a gifted program. Funding = 2.134% of the entire district student population. Along with accepting funds, there are structures around how the Program operates. Other school districts' gifted program structures were explained and examples were given of how State gifted funds were spent on certain grade levels (K-5) and gifted students in the upper grades attend Hi-Cap classes which are funded by Basic Ed funds.
    *Jim explained how the district is working towards placing students in math levels; i.e., 5th into 6th grade students are placed in Math that may be 6th, 7th or 8th grade math levels. Dr. Vedra wants to offer class choices to students.
    What am I going to teach? How am I going to know they learned it? What do I do if they don't learn or get it?
    Differentiation - Vision: Focus on math and start at the middle school and work back to elementary. With reading, start at the elementary school and work forward to middle school. This will entail professional development to teach teachers how to implement differentiation.
    3:40 meeting adjourned.

2. Brief committee report from each group
    15 min. Whole group
    ▪ Goal of the group
    ▪ What you are working on
    ▪ Feedback you need from the group
    ▪ Next steps for your work

3. Work group time
    50 min. Small group

4. Plan for the next meeting / timelines
    20 min. Facilitator / Whole group