

Family Partnership Program Advisory Group

Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Larrabee Facility, Room 2

Time: 4:00 - 6:00pm

Bellingham Public Schools

Attendees: Kate Baehr, Rob McElroy, Sean Hopps, Heather Powell, Kierin Lund, Alina Zollfrank, Janet Mock, Sam Lockwood, Gary McGill, Courtney Sawyer, Michelle Kuss-Cybula, Larisa Shuvalova, and Patty Keene

Topic	Discussion	Next Step
1. Welcome/Celebrations	Rob McElroy and Kate Baehr welcomed the new Advisory Group members and acknowledged those who had to step down.	
2. Three Charges	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Develop a vision and mission II. Identify the needs and interests of the Bellingham community III. Recommend a starter program model and long-range plan Reviewed the charges which are the goals for the group.	
3. Sharing out Site Visits: Edmonds Heights K-12 and Sky Valley, Monroe	Members from the site visits shared their observations using a Fishbowl format. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the key points made by the spokesperson of the partnership program? • What did you see, hear, and feel about the environment of the program? • What are great ideas that you feel need to be considered in our Gold Standard pursuit? • What are obstacles to be identified and action taken? • What are some bedrock decisions to make for our family partnership program? • Identify further “look-fors” on next 	
4. Who is our “customer” and what can we do for our “customer”	Group members were asked to think about our “customer” and bring scenarios. They identified further “look-fors” during outreach. Nov. 18 th – Public Forum “Seeking to understand the needs and interests”	Establish planning team Open invitation to all Suggested time change 5:00pm

5. Rules and Regulations – Jigsaw	The group started the process of reviewing the State WACs and RCWs for alternative learning environments like the Family Partnership Program. They will also compare these to OSPi's interpretation of the WACs. Information can be found at http://digitallearning.k12.wa.us/ .	
6. Nuts and Bolts	Community Forum at start time is 5:00pm at Larrabee on Nov 18 th . Let 3 friends know about Nov 18 th and extend an invitation.	Site Visit Homework – write 10 words or short phrases that represent the values you hold for schools and learning that would be core or central to a partnership program (i.e., experiential, supportive, caring, engaging...).
7. Next meeting	Tuesday, November 4, from 4-6pm at Larrabee	