

**Family Partnership Program Advisory Group**

Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Larrabee Facility, Gym and Room 2

Time: 5:00 - 7:00pm

Bellingham Public Schools

Attendees: Kate Baehr, Rob McElroy, Kierin Lund, Glenn Thomas, Courtney Sawyer, Janet Mock, Sam Lockwood, Larisa Shuvalova, Patty Keene

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Welcome to Public Forum Participants	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Rob McElroy, Executive Administrator of Teaching and Learning, gave a brief history of how the development of the Family Partnership Program began with the linkage group and The Bellingham Promise. He also talked about the process of developing a family partnership program and what has been accomplished so far: created an Advisory Group, learning the Alternative Learning Experience laws, and site visits. FPP Advisory Group members were introduced.</p> <p>Kate Baehr, Principal, shared that the Advisory Group members went on nine site visits around the state, visiting various sized programs. They found that the philosophy and community of the other partnership programs were the main factors for what those programs delivered.</p> <p>A continuum of service factors were shared to help describe the differences in programming.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 80-20% ----- 20-80%</li><li>• Core ----- Elective</li><li>• Hours minimum ----- maximum</li><li>• Traditional ----- Alternative Learning Environment</li><li>• 900 ----- 27</li><li>• K-5 ----- K-12</li><li>• Thematic ----- classes</li><li>• Consultation ----- On site instruction</li></ul> <p>We were happy to meet 25 adults who attended the Open Forum.</p>	

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1. Goals for the Open Forum	<p>The goal for the evening was to listen and learn. The purpose was to support the one consistent thing we heard on every site visit: know who you are working for and find out what it is they want/need, such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports</li> <li>• Services</li> <li>• Classes</li> <li>• Workshops</li> <li>• And a sense of priority, i.e., where to start with the program knowing that it will grow, be refined and developed, and that we will continue to seek input from our families.</li> </ul>	
2. Discussion	<p>The families broke into small groups and the Advisory Group members lead a discussion</p> <p>Used the activity of Value Voting with sticky dots to prioritize the most important wishes of the families. Families were encouraged to walk around and view the other groups' work.</p> <p>Families were encouraged to use an index card to list any lingering questions they have and to give to the advisory group to answer.</p>	<p>We hope to have another community forum to continue our dialogue.</p> <p>Index cards will be responded to if requested by families (and they included their names and numbers).</p>
3. Closing	<p>We ran out of time for the groups to share out, but notes will be available as a link to the Minutes. Kate and Rob told families there will be future opportunities to participate on the FPP development, and thanked them for their participation</p> <p>The public forum adjourned at 6:00pm.</p>	<p>Minutes and follow up survey to be sent out to attendees.</p>
4. Advisory Group Debrief	<p>See additional notes included on the website with Minutes.</p> <p>Next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 4:00-6:00pm at the Larrabee facility.</p>	<p>Rob and Kate to bring "Site Visit Takeaways."</p> <p>Will do a gallery walk with possible program models.</p> <p>Rob and Kate working with the Department of Communications and Community Relations to develop a survey.</p>