

**Family Partnership Program Advisory Group**

Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Larrabee Facility, Room 2

Time: 4:00 - 6:00pm

Bellingham Public Schools

Attendees: Kate Baehr, Rob McElroy, Byron Gerard, Kierin Lund, Glenn Thomas, Alina Zollfrank, Janet Mock, Sam Lockwood, Larisa Shuvalova, Michelle Kuss-Cybula

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Welcome	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Three Charges</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. Develop a vision and mission</li><li>II. Identify the needs and interests of the Bellingham community</li><li>III. Recommend a starter program model and long-range plan</li></ol> <p>Rob reviewed the FPPAG Norms with the group. They appreciate Kate keeping the meeting on task and honoring everyone's time by ending on time. The group liked the Fishbowl approach last meeting.</p>	
1. Sharing Our Site Visits	<p>Kate and Rob shared about the four recent site visits: TEC @ Bryant (Spokane), Deer Park Home Link (Deer Park), Three Rivers Home Link (Richland), and Mount Baker Academy (Mt. Baker). Some members shared their reflections and observations from their site visits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What were the key points made by the spokesperson of the partnership Program?</li><li>• What did you see, hear, and feel about the environment of the program?</li><li>• What are great ideas that you feel need to be considered in our Gold Standard pursuit?</li><li>• What are obstacles to be identified and action taken?</li><li>• What are some bedrock decisions to make for our family partnership program?</li><li>• Identify further "look fors" on next visits?</li></ul>	

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<p>2. Who do we hope to serve and what can we do for them?</p>	<p>In thinking about our possible families the Advisory Group members shared thoughts about who might be served by the Family Partnership Program, keeping their needs in mind while considering the Program development. The group is seeking to understand the needs and interests and what community populations the Program might serve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highly Capable</li> <li>• Children with special health care needs</li> <li>• Linguistic needs, heritage language, 1st/2nd generation ELL families</li> <li>• Religious/faith-based families</li> <li>• High school students</li> <li>• Needs not being met</li> <li>• WWU Faculty families – ALE, experiential, choice</li> <li>• Traditional homeschooler</li> <li>• STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math</li> <li>• Very specific interests – robotics, music theatre, thematic, project, experiential, performing arts (band, circus, drama)</li> <li>• Flexible scheduling for students – training, rehearsing</li> <li>• Montessori/Waldorf</li> <li>• Need to thrive</li> <li>• Special needs, may not be on IEP but has some needs, or IEP is just not working</li> </ul> <p>Public Forum on November 18<sup>th</sup> – “Seeking to understand the needs and interests”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing questions: The Group considered questions that might be used for the Public Forum.</li> </ul>	<p>What are some questions for the forum and/or the survey?</p> <p>This will be a listening meeting:</p> <p>Short overview of why they are invited. We want their input and find out their needs. What would they like to see in a partnership program? Have break out groups for discussion. We will send out a survey to a broader group. Can the FPPAG help with the content for the survey? Suppose we have a theme like STEM or performing arts, what would that be for your family? How many days a week would you like? What are their ages of students?</p>
<p>3. Vision and Mission</p>	<p>Value statements and WORDLE</p> <p>The group was led through a process of thinking about what values and phrases might describe a Family Partnership Program as it relates to education and schools. A visual was created using WORDLE.</p>	<p>Writing work group to be established.</p>

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Closing	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm</p> <p>Next meeting will be an Open Forum: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 – 5:00-6:00pm at the Larrabee facility. Advisory Group continues meeting until 7:00pm.</p>	<p>Nuts and Bolts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site Visits: calendar, review and contact Suzanne (676-6424)</li> <li>• Next meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 18th 5-7pm at Larrabee (1409 18<sup>th</sup> St.)</li> <li>• Homework: bring three friends Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> and extend the invitation to others</li> <li>• Work Group Members: reviewing forum data and supporting the development of a survey</li> </ul>