



Visual and Performing Arts Committee Notes February 18, 2014

Committee Members

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Charisse Berner	Tom Gresham	Terri McKee	Alison Terry
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AnnMarie DeCollibus	Tom Kunesh	Travis Sipher	

Welcome and Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves and expressed individual desired committee outcomes.

Dr. Baker thanked the committee for investing their time in this committee and that their work is important in meeting *The Bellingham Promise* outcome of developing students and graduates who are artists and performers. He feels it is important that every student has the opportunity to find their passion.

Committee Charge

Mike reviewed the committee charge

- Review current state of VPA in the district
- Explore program offerings/experiences in other schools/districts
- Compare current BSD approaches to VPA
- Advise the superintendent

Reviewed the Meeting Schedule

- February 18: Taking Stock of Current VPA programs/experiences K-12.
- March 4: Exploring Dimensions of “Best Examples” in VPA programs experiences located in other schools/districts.
- March 18: Comparing BSD VPA offerings/experiences to those revealed in the exploration of “Best Examples.” Similarities and differences.
- March 25: Develop/Design programmatic direction/advice for the superintendent to guide decision-making in VPA over the next 3-5 years.
- *Meeting 5: (TBD if needed)*

Taking Stock of Current Program in VPA

Presentations were given by the following members:

- Instrumental Music – Kirstin Doud
- Choral Music—Andy Marshall
- Drama—Teri Grimes
- Art—AnnMarie DeCollibus
- Elementary Music—Terri McKee

The team broke into groups of three for discussion. The whole group came back together and shared out comments in the following areas:

- Need for Stronger Focus on Arts as Core Program
- Scheduling Issues
- Feeder Programs Needs/Issues
- Budget/Resource Needs/Issues
- Fees

Next Meeting Preparation

Homework for the next meeting is to look through the materials provided in the committee notebook with outside school/district programs, the Washington State Arts Commission Research Initiative, and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities publication. Kirstin Doud, Terri McKee, Andy Marshall, Travis Sipher, and Laura Smith will research the program information further, looking at funding, program offerings, schedules, etc. The committee is encouraged to explore other VPA programs located around the state and plan to share information you get from colleagues and contacts.

Next Meeting: March 4, 2014, 4:00-7:00, Conference Room 205