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## GRADS Advisory Group Meeting

October 30, 2018

Facilitator: Kristi Dominguez, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning

Members: Jeff McKenna, Stephanie Schroeder, Meghan Dunham, Geraldine Coleman (excused), Janel Erchinger-Davis, Jolyn Hunt, Tiffany Knudsen, Vicki Lee, Erika Moore (excused), Darci Peterson, Gretchen Pflueger (excused), Erin Shaffer, Peggy Stephens (excused), Nicole Talley, Marcie Thran, Michelle Wilhelm, Sonia Bell, Erin Burke, Kristin Cleary (excused), Meagan Dawson (excused), Maureen Hodge (excused), Jennifer Lindbeck, Debbie Haney, Amy Brewster

Absent: Michelle Anderson, Wendy Courtemanche, Kari Miller, Michael Sidwell, Steve Wiley, Crystal Garcia, Meghan Lever, Sophia Morales, Erin Schuldt

Minutes: Kris Newberry

Agenda Items	Discussion/Decisions
3:30 Welcome Kristi Dominguez	Kristi opened the meeting with a welcome and update on the GRADs program. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and shared the reason they are on this committee and the passion they have for the program because of its powerful long-term benefits for our students and community.
Child Care Reports Stephanie Schroeder	<u>OHS</u> : Three infants, three toddlers, seven preschoolers <u>SHS</u> : Two infants, three toddlers <u>SqHS</u> : Two infants, five toddlers  All sites have staff children enrolled as well as student children. Enrollment is low at some sites, but there are several births occurring in the next few months that will push it to capacity.



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Classroom Reports Meghan Dunham, Michelle Wilhelm	<u>OHS</u> : Eight students <u>SHS</u> : Two students <u>SqHS</u> : Three students
Cards for Students Michelle	One of the most meaningful activities is the personal connection adults have to students. The committee was asked to write words of encouragement to the students on greeting cards. Michelle will distribute these to the students. The committee will continue to write cards throughout the year.
Work Parties	This year we have modified the meeting schedule to have less formal meetings in exchange for some hands-on work. We've identified three times when extra help is needed. The committee was asked to sign up on a date that they were willing to help. November 21 – Holiday take-home food. December – Take home supply bags for Winter Break January – Moving into new classroom at Sehome
GRADS Mentor Meghan	Meghan described a program of having the committee members mentor the students. Questionnaires were distributed and those who were interested will complete them and turn them into Kris Newberry. Members will need to go through the Volunteer approval process with Jennifer Gaer (volunteer coordinator).
Celebrations	Donations are accepted through the Bellingham School Foundation to provide emergency housing for students in need.
Financial	Scholarship Fund: \$10,448.10 Other: \$303.18
Announcements	
Meeting Schedule	February 26, Options High School May 14, Sehome High School