



Meeting Minutes
Career and Technical Education (CTE) General Advisory Board
Thursday, February 22, 2024 | 5:00-6:30pm | Options High School

Call to Order by Heather Steele 6:03pm

Roll Call

BPS Staff Present: Heather Steele (CTE Director), Nick Boyce (Squalicum High School), Paul Clement (Bellingham High School), Alex Duncan (Bellingham High School), Meagon Hamilton (Squalicum High School), Mark Jacques (Bellingham High School), Jay Jordan (Bellingham Public Schools), Bronwyn Justin (Student - Bellingham High School), Lauren Kackley (Options High School), Kai Kane-Ronning (Sehome High School), Kristin O'Malley (Bellingham High School), Gretchen Pflueger (Bellingham Public Schools), Sarah Marshall (Squalicum High School), Heidi Soderquist (Bellingham Public Schools), Jennifer Styer (Sehome High School), Jeff Tetrick (Options High School), Jeff Thran (Options High School), Joe Wooding (Options High School), Brian Young (Squalicum High School)

Industry Members Present: Patrick Burnett (Whatcom Community College), Lance Calloway (AGC of Washington), Michael Gan (Cascade STEAM), Dana Hickenbottom (Cascadia Renewables), De Murr (Cascade STEAM), Guy Occhiogrosso (Bellingham Regional Chamber of Commerce)

Main Presentation

Old Business

- Approval of [Prior Meeting Minutes](#) – *Guy Occhiogrosso motioned to approve, Lance Calloway seconded motion, motioned approved*

New Business

- Celebrations
 - Jenny Styer – Visit to White House (Panel on AI and Computer Science)
 - Jenny is a board member of the CSTA Puget Sound chapter and was invited by the CSTA president to speak on a panel, “Voices from the Field: Educators’ Perspectives,” about inclusive artificial intelligence (AI) in computer science. The panel was part of an event at the White House called “Teaching Inclusive AI in Computer Science.”
 - The aim of the panel was to get educators, policy makers, and researchers discussing how to shape AI and computer science for the future.
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- School Board/CTE [Linkage Meeting](#) – March 26, 2024 | 6-7:00pm | Options High School
 - Objectives
 - Link CTE to outcomes of The Bellingham Promise
 - Outline how CTE pathways/graduation requirements operate in practice
 - Highlight industry demand and how BPS CTE programs train students for these careers
 - Suggested Attendees
 - 10 CTE General Advisory Council Members
 - 5 Parents
 - 5-10 BPS staff
 - 5 Students
- Updates
 - Grants
 - High School registration / [2024-25 Course Catalog](#)
- Program Advisory Work
 - Review [OSPI Program Evaluations](#) (part of year-end report due in June)
 - Review new [Labor Market Data/Programs of Study documentation](#)

Share-out from members / general questions

Closing – meeting adjourned at 6:30pm