Parent Leadership Council
Meeting Minutes: 5/20/26

Attendees
Marilee Hill-Anderson, Director of Community Engagement
Aaron Tomyn, Director of Career and College Readiness
Brandon Anderson, Sumner Police Department
Brian Scheerer, Director of Safety & Security
Jenn Hamann, Maintenance & Operations
Allison Hollingsworth, Communications Specialist
Elle Warmuth, Communications Director
Bogdan Gavrilyuk, Technology
David Brower, Assistant Superintendent
Kyle Dillon, Donald Eismann, treasurer
Audrey Welch, Donald Eismann, president
Leilani Howland, Liberty Ridge, president
Desiree, Liberty Ridge, next year's treasurer
Janelle Hizzey, Mountain view, president
Lindsay Peterson, Tehaleh Heights, president
Shanice Switzer, Tehaleh Heights, vice president
Cindy Conlan, Family Center Coordinator
Katie Weer, Bonney Lake Elementary, president
Lauren Beach, Emerald Hills, president
Heather Forbis EHE, co-vice president
Jenn Dery, Lakeridge, Ed Foundation, Bond Oversight Committee
Janet Oliver, Lakeridge
Thu Ament, Deputy Superintendent
Val Reich, Central Office
Karli Henry, Victor Falls, vice president (virtual)

Career & Technical Education
Aaron Tomyn, Director of Career and College Readiness
Associated information resources: CTE website, CTE info sheet

Goal in Career & Technical Education: college credit, real job skills knowledge and experience, a clear plan for their future.

CTE supports graduation - graduation rate 99.7% of those taking CTE classes (vs 92% district average)

What CTE programs look like:

Pathways: Agriculture Education; Arts, Audio/Video, Communications; Business & Marketing; Family & Consumer Sciences; Health Services; Information Technology; Skilled Trades & Manufacturing; STEM

Using Career Tree to map out different careers by pathway with salary, job outlook, lifestyle, etc connected. Lifestyle is a good thing for kids to grasp.

Videos that talk about each program area, you can hear from students in the programs.

Q - MMS: Very valuable info for 8th grade parents. Is Aaron available to present at each of the middle schools -- to parents? Some kids don't have a passion. It would be good for kids to dive in.

Q - BLE: At the end of the year when signing up for 9th grade classes, have designated teachers, like an English class, share this info.
Aaron: We do have this at advisory and students have assignments to go through it. Maybe we can have presentations at the showcase events -- principals can decide.

Q - LMS: Is this the same as the Skills Center?
A: No, it's different. Our district has our own programs.

Q - THE: What about kids who don't want to go to college?
A: Career Tree - has a list for those who don't want college. We have skilled trades and manufacturing pathways.

Q - LRE: Is there a way we can incorporate the Skills Center so families know it exists? Seeing all the jobs there that don't require college.
A: Want to take PLC on a tour of what we do here. Skills Center requires travel and missed class time. They offer a couple of things we don't, such as automotive and fire science.

Your input:

What is one thing that Aaron can do to move the needle in the program and what we have going on?

- Dumb it down. What is CTE, for example. Back to school nights at middle schools with interactive board. Title it "plan for your future," "what do you want to do when grow up"
- Likes that it tailors by interest. Good that we're asking what they're interested in. Get started earlier in the beginning of middle school and 5th graders so they can start looking into it earlier.
- 5th grader going into 6th grade and he's already looking into things like this.
- Visibility is huge. Invite to elementary meetings. Start young, start building relationships with elementary PTOs. Make Aaron visible.

Aaron will present to anyone anytime. Aaron passed out cards.

How do we give students the financial resources available so they can go to a program after high school:
A: Career specialists can help with scholarships and paths to careers. Our programs are free, there's no fees. Provide Industry Recognized Certificates that kids can earn for free, we pay test fees.

E-Bike Safety
Director of Safety & Security Brian Scheerer and Sumner PD Officer Brandon Anderson
Associated information resources:

- SBLSD E-Ride Safety Guidelines (PDF)
- Washington State E-Bike & Electric Motorcycle Laws Quick Reference Guide (PDF)
- Sumner PD Pamphlet: E-Bike & E-Moto Laws (PDF)
- Bonney Lake PD E-Ride Guidelines (PDF)

How can we support our kids and community to be safe with e-rides. It's a nationwide problem.

Proud of partnerships with police (Sumner and Bonney Lake PDs) and Sheriff's Dept for schools in the county (CWE, THE, DEE, LRE)

We meet monthly with School Resource Officers, Campus Safety Officers and partners

Brandon

- Popularity of e-rides raises safety concerns.
- Education is the best thing through teachers for students. Get something to families.
- Laws are trying to catch up.
- There are different classes and rules/laws for each type of e-ride.
- Q: How will they enforce? A: If we see it, we'll make stops.

Brian: Please get this info out. Getting the education out is the most critical part. Help educate at your PTA meetings. Please talk with your kids because kids talk to each other.

Q: DEE has monthly assemblies talk about character traits. Maybe partner with admin to come present.

Do just a singular post by itself -- instead of a newsletter. We're cracking down, here's the statistics, attach brochure.

Maybe have a table at end of year celebration events. Be careful over the summer.

Cindy Conlan - New Family Resource Center Coordinator

Started mid-April
Spent 23 years in ministry at Faith Covenant Church
Background -- connections and hospitality
Raised donation for food for the family center while at previous job
Was VP of PTA for Daffodil Valley - thank you, you're important
Always want to be able to serve the community
Some cool things happening: ESL classes, popups (tacoma probono), Sound Outreach, Latinx family support, financial help with connections to resources
Summer free lunch at Daffodil Valley
Partnering with WSU for cooking classes -- how to make low-cost, high-quality food in a skillet with education around nutrition and freebies
Call Cindy if you have questions about resources: (253) 891-6153

Info and reflections handout

Roses - What went super well this year
Thorns - This was an ouch, wish I can deal with this better

Kyle: DEE
Rose: Staff grants, she's pushing it out, teachers utilizing it, giving back to the teachers
Thorns: Communication - room for improvement; they hear "I didn't know that was happening."
Already using ParentSquare and Peachjar.

Audrey, DEE: Rose - good relationship with staff, good communication
Thorn: We need to be better at self promotion. There's so many things we do that families don't realize (pay for assemblies, pay for recess equipment)

Leilani, LRE:
Roses - building community, feel proud of that
Desiree treasurer next year
More visibility, so welcoming, avg 14-15 people at each meeting
More events this year
It's been a breakout year for us
Thorn: Fairly new admin team, working out the kinks with them with opportunity to figure out how to best receive what I'm trying to say

Janelle, MMS:
Roses: Keep on keepin' on

Selling spirit wear and Chick-fil-A night

Lindsay, THE:
Solid events and activities
Fundraiser went great $40K - raise craze
Great after school events
Smooth year
Just bought a book vending machine
Thorn: Getting people to come to general membership meetings
People don't understand if votes don't pass
Parent involvement lack of - after school events

Katie, BLE:
Roses - new spiritwear, we make it ourselves and have a store online
We're in the black, making money on it even lowering prices for some
We have a press
Tons more volunteers, board has also expanded - 10 people
Gotten kinder parents involved this year
We're rebranding our carnival
June 5 - have vendors coming. District could come, some student booths
Thorns: Trouble communicating with staff and admin as far as being on the same page, but not necessarily being excited about it. Some hurdles. Maying getting staff to show up to meetings.

Lauren, EHE:
Roses - Did meet quorum and voted in our budget, solid executive board
Rolling out using Square to communicate with people
Thorns - Volunteer engagement consistently
Did fewer things because we didn't have volunteers
Raise Craze - we missed the mark on our funding for that. Two new people will take over fundraising and they're excited. We don't know what we missed. Still made our budget.

LMS:
Roses - Successful fundraisers this year - support teachers and needs in classrooms
Amazing group of core mom volunteers that keep us running
Able to support 8th grade breakfast and special gifts
Thorn - We need more people, It's harder at middle school to get parents to help. Improved communication. Make sure Jen isn't the only person procuring items for auction.

Announcements

Marilee:

Daffodil Valley: Aug. 13 noon-2 pm Back to School event - only one confirmed right now. More info to come and be shared later. What kinds of services or resources would be good at back to school events? A: Haircuts

Leilani:
Girl Scout patrol leader: Girl Scout Juniors working on their bronze award
Play Together project: gifing play carts that promote anti bullying, play together
Been working at CWE
Is there a need at your school
They need a school to be able to gift this to

Jen Haman, Facilities staff:
FMX - we made it so you have to mark yes or no for custodian
Each school has its own calendar - FMX, admin secretary updating the site could add your events to the school calendar and its exportable

Audrey at DEE invites us:
June 3: Family Fitness Night 5-7 pm at DEE free event for our school
Way to celebrate movement and activities - learn what kids are doing at PE. How many pushups, proper form, pacer test, trying to get one of the resource officers to come with a speed radar. Will be in bus loop.