



General Advisory Council

February 19, 2025

Tours 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sumner-Bonney Lake School District Hybrid

- 1. Be present, participate, listen***
- 2. Define purpose, outcomes and commitments***
- 3. Honor time, team decisions, and commitments***
- 4. Engage in respectful communication and conflict.***

Minutes

In Attendance: Aaron Tomy (Director CTE, SBLSD), Heather Trudgeon (SBLSD Operations Specialist), Kris Ilgavizis (CTE TOSA), Michelle Lewis (Executive Director of Learning & Innovation, SBLSD), Jeff Lueders (City of Tacoma), Markus Loftis (Kenworth Truck Co), Nicole Reif (Cetera Financial Group), Desi Schilling (Sitts & Hill Engineers, INC), Robyn Rich (SBLSD Technology Director), Laurie Dent (Superintendent SBLSD), Kelly Denn (Assistant Superintendent SBLSD), Jeff Baines (SHS Principal), Tony Clark (BLHS Principal), Melissa Nelson (Career Specialist, SHS), Heather Meuli (Career Specialist, BLHS), Andria Bonney (RN Seattle Children's Hospital)

Jeff welcomed members, and Introductions were done

Review Norms

Approval of [Agenda](#)

Marcus Loftis motioned to approve the agenda

Nicole Reif seconded

No discussion

Approved

Approval of Previous Meeting [Minutes](#)

Nicole Reif motioned to approve the minutes

Marcus Loftis seconded

No discussion

Approved

District Updates

Dr. Laurie Dent will highlight the great work happening in our district.

Passed the bond. Woo Hoo!! Exciting things are happening excited to see Michelle and Aarons vision.

Some saw things today. Thank you for all your support.

Old Business

Review [GAC role](#)

No old business

New Business

Tour Reflection

Highlights and questions

Nicole- Nice to see changes. Love to see all the teachers from industry. Females in coreplus. Really love the crossover collabs.

Desi -Technology given to kids, 3-D printers, hydroponics systems to grow plants. CorePlus improved a lot. All teachers have visions on where the courses are headed.

Marcus-Seeing the evolution from being a SHS grad is amazing. 2nd to the technology. Seeing BLHS programs and the passion of the kids. Seeing classes in hallways is difficult. Robotics want to do comps and grow but the space is difficult. District & CTE fields are all competitive & going to State.

If anyone that was not able to attend the tours, please reach out to Aaron Tomyne he would be happy to take you around or even a virtual one. We are proud of what we are doing and want to Thank you all.

Michelle Lewis loves hearing all the reflections and thanks Aaron for the programs and Laurie Dent that makes a difference that helps

What were the noticings and wonderings from the tour?

- Suggestions?

Program Homework

- What are the current goals for each program area? Not everyone could attend. Homework on where the program is going. If you were not invited to meetings, please let us know.
- Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (Matt Kline - matthew_kline@sumnersd.org)
 - Ken is not here so Aaron will give the update. Goals-plant sale is big, started planting. Plant sale in April. Expanding to BLHS Plant Science next year. New building SHS remodel greenhouse space for Vet science and plant science. Jeff- FFA part of that? Yes it is a CTSO call it co-curricular explore what kids are doing in class and go and use those skills and go further. Nationals are in October. 2 - 1st place national winners from SHS. Amazing and know their stuff. 50 page paper and knew how to talk to adults. Extension of the learning in classes. Jeff shared about a neighbor that is in FFA and appreciates how she grew in it and loves it. Barn with Corliss for FFA. Thankful for partnerships.
- Arts, A/V Technology and Communication (Erynn Marlar - erynn_marlar@sumnersd.org)
 - Jeff meeting next Thursday 2/27. Aaron - Arts building back up Video Prod. classes building foundations. Graphic (creative design) revamping to be more relevant, using AI how do we create products? Round table with REI to hear from industry. Clover Park tech connections.
- Business and Marketing (Nicole Larson - nicole_larson@sumnersd.org)
 - Nicole. 3 things, prepare step on 5-year plan complete refresh of frameworks. Technology and AI, PD for teachers equity. How to engage students with FT. Challenges google not using business getting microsoft into classrooms. Leanne simpson. Dual credit not happening with Green River. How to fix it. Direct partnerships through Pierce, CPTC, Bates. Can't double dip and are more local and simpler. Leslie message in email. Aaron-district taking multi prong approach to math scores. Complex thing, not just our district, but nation wide. Fin Alg. heavily attended used to help kids get to the next level. Team is looking at the needs to help kids pass.
- Government and Public Administration (Jeffrey Powell - jeffrey_powell@sumnersd.org)

- Aaron, Updating classes. 3rd level of classes from 25-26. SHS almost have 2nd instructor, maybe April. Still recruiting and 55-60 in both programs, 120-125 ideal. Building and growing. Kids taking ownership.
- Health Sciences (Adrienne McKay - adrienne_mckay@sumnersd.org)
 - Andria- last week meeting. 5-year plan getting teachers BLS certified to instruct kids. Sports meds program. More guest speakers and work-based learning experience supporting special education and increased programs are needed. Health Sciences at BLHS Mt view kids go to BLHS and not as much excitement for it, and not at MMS. Trying to grow and would love to have at SHS. LMS and SMS are a struggle. Would like to build at SHS. Staffing is an issue.
- Hospitality and Tourism (Janine Sather - janine_sather@sumnersd.org)
 - Aaron, STEM fair this weekend BLHS 10-2 2/22/25. Janine will be catering. Work at SHS child nutrition kitchen up to date so Janine can use it for classes. Limped along and equipment needs to be updated and what we need to do to update. Opportunity with the new building.
- Human Services and Education (Rachel Aszklar - rachel_aszklar@sumnersd.org)
 - Michelle, Revised version of Personal Choices. Give students a taste of all programs. Credit in all programs and pathways. Kids need to meet a threshold in SBA. Alternative CTE 2 full credits (2 full years) in same program areas. .5 credits and can pair with all program areas. Financial is part of the plan. Revising curriculum. 4 weeks of new curriculum. Name Career and Life readiness. Teaching Academy year 2 exploring education. Internships excited about class. Teachers getting approved by CWU and getting college in the high school for students. Next year. Teaching academy using new curriculum Edrising well known and outstanding curriculum nationwide. Edrising at both HSs. Signing day who wants to commit to being a teacher. Tricia Littlefield anRa Translation & Interpretation. Unlock kids mL language amazon opportunities. Professional days and he3ar from speakers. Skills will help them get hired in a variety of ways. Bellevue has certification, a few kids 18+ to get certified in Olympia. Expand to offer other languages next year. 2 students for each additional language. English and target language proficiency by passing a stamp test. Skills centers don't have it except YV. 2 Teachers are excited and we are thankful for the teachers.
- Information Technology/STEM (Zach York - zacharia_york@sumnersd.org)
 - Aaron- Computer science and creating a pathway. Realigned entry level. Computer science essentials added. Intro classes are not really intro classes, much clearer pathways. Get more kids in advanced classes. Both HSs.
- Skilled Trades and Technical Sciences (Trisha Fry - trisha_fry@sumnersd.org)
 - Markus looked at 5year plan research frameworks for coreplus 3 growing PSAC group. PLC integration technology. CNC is more intermediate. More
 - Regional skills competition, more leadership opportunities, connection with other programs and hands on. Transportation and logistics. IRC with forklift. Corecompetitinsce teacher training. Equipment to learn how to use. Mill/Lathe. Grow internships. On the job training or WBL Boeing does. More local companies. Sakasuwie for training. Tour at Kenworth. Juniors and Seniors. Opportunities in the area. Get more 2-1 credits with engineering. Allow split classes. 2-3 or 3-4. Student showcases with blue prints.
 - Aaron has coreplus 3 in our sights. How to do it? Lots to prioritize.
 - Desi-Coreplus is amazing. Need for engineering engineering tech, architecture need. Be around to support. Govt class colonel Powell to each academy each year.

The State of CTE in SBLSD-

Clover Park and connections with College in the HS

ASL III next step at BLHS computer science essentials 3rd year JROTC, Career and Life Readiness. In fall

List of Changes for 25-26

- CTE Month- marketing. Social media is a better way to use resources. Ramped up with blasts. Follow us on socials cool stories about our kids and clips. New marketing materials. Cool positive highlights.
- MS Outreach at Lunches- March
 - CS Going to visit MSs with students to talk about our programs. Curriculum showcases but not all can attend.
- Elementary School Visits Went to all last year and what MS looks like. Debating on what to do. Created materials for that.
- Current Goals and Progress
 - Develop program marketing materials that reflect the diversity of our student population.
 - Marketing to let everyone know about our cool things. See pamphlet
 - Creating [8th to 9th grade transition booklet](#). In Progress. MS to help 8th graders to get into HS classes. Lost fish, given reg form with names and then the course catalog (50 pages) counselors asked for 9th grade classes. Graphically pleasing for students to look at. Images of classes and student friendly wording. What does a 9th grader want to know? Work in progress let me know if you have any questions or changes. Non CTE at the bottom.
 - <https://tinyurl.com/SBLSDCTEprograms>
 Takes us to a cool tool that shows programs and the bigger picture. Video and what courses to take.
- [Industry Partner Outreach Materials](#) recruiting tools. Banners. High demand high pay fields. Great materials. Communications sending out.
- Make more direct connections between academics and careers. Internships, Direct Hire, and Commitments. Give warm hand offs for students. Direct connections Boeing, COPE Healthcare future health working side by side with professionals and earning hours. Sumner Food Bank making connections. T&I students help, or marketing or graphic design. DSHS certification T&I. Teaching academy for education.
- We would like to improve Not where we want them to be
 - Math scores
 - Scores for our multilingual students
 - Non-traditional enrollment (male to female roles and visa versa)
- Actions continue to work on these items
 - More family and community outreach and advertisement of our programs.
 - Apply math content when applicable in CTE projects.
 - Intentionally recruit non-trad students to our programs
 - Get teaching strategy training for our staff to support ML students specifically
 - Create more direct hire or commitment opportunities for our seniors

- Economic Development Board Meet and Greet
 - Date, Location, and Time TBD Still looking for location, may be in Puyallup or SHS who and when will send out when we know
- Construction Progress
 - SHS, BLHS, and MS in Tahaleh are priority projects Dr Dent shared. BLHS, SHS and new MS in Tahale
 - We have started organizing the advising committees. Exciting work CTE at forefront.

Items from the floor

Career Specialists- Updates from School and Needs

- Heather M- Biggest ask is to help with interviews. Both schools need a couple 8-2 at SHS, 9-12 at BLHS lots of kids but do need help with interviews.
- Career Readiness Cord Interviews- February 26 (SHS) & 27 (BLHS) 113 students 45 BLHS 72 at SHS
- Melissa field trip palooza crazy field trips GRCC tomorrow. Trade programs, EPFR and Sumner PD to visit. FT crazy to get kids direct knowledge and visits. Community Scholarships, more kids to know there is money out there for it. Money lost last year. Get more kids to apply numbers low.
- Heather-opinions parents of a school age and how to advertise to parents? Suggestions on how to encourage kids. Money disappearing. Missing something and how to fix the problem. Marcus advisory have kids put in an applications? It is advertised 30 minutes once a week. Multiple lessons and how to pay for things. It goes out. Depending on who the advisor is, the level of energy you get depends on the. Communications \$500, 000 to advertise to juniors so they are ready for seniors. Show what is out there to students and what was not given could be the only one to apply.
- Melissa twice to english classes. Every student sees what is given out to English teachers to help start the essay. Students don't follow through with the assignment. Marketing in classrooms not outside classrooms. We do talk but its not posted anywhere else. 113 people for a cord. 35 for the scholarship. Gap somewhere. How come you didn't apply? Disconnect. Community scholarship same at BLHS same kids applying for Community scholarship. Go to kids. Kids don't know what to put and then they forget. Don't know where they are going. Put application in regardless of where you go.
- Principals/ Other Staff- Jeff thanked principals- Jeff B appreciate Aarin and all he does. Nice to sit down 1 time a month programs amazing. Good work going on. PT session for JROTC and interactions. Kids taking charge. Tony- echo what has been said. Students amaze me. What they have access too and what they do. Community support and GAC CTE has the right advertisement to help students success. Appreciate to guide programs. Thank you

Industry Partners- What gaps do we have in our programs? Marcus-Snow jammers scholarship. 3/31 deadline essay question and he will send it out to Heather and Melissa

Future Meetings and Homework for next time

2024-2025 Meeting Dates (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Zoom Meetings)

May 21, 2025

Student Panel- Do we want to do a student panel again? Rewarding to have.

Come prepared with questions. Homework

Motion to Adjourn

Desi motioned to adjourn

Tony Clarke seconded

No discussion

Approved

Next Meeting: May 21, 2025