



**Official Meeting Minutes: Community Linkage Special Meeting
Options High School
March 20, 2018
7:30 a.m.**

Linkage Attendees:

Community Business Partners/Representatives:

- Karla Booker, Fred Meyer
- Jim Campbell, Pioneer Food Service (McDonalds)
- Lisa Hill, Haggen
- Shannon Jacoby, Express Employment Professionals
- Barbara Jenks, C8MEMC //TT1 1 Tf0 Tc 0 Tw 0 Ts 10professionals

Other comments:

- Students need to know what work opportunities exist in the community. Many entry-level positions are available in companies willing to train. Kids seem unaware of the options that exist for them.
- The Bellingham Promise has no specific reference to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs, though there are references to “innovators and scientists.” The concept of STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts and Math) is preferable. Twenty or thirty years from now, we will see that art and innovation and technology have so much in common.
- The importance of a professional relationship among staff and administrators is missing. Do teachers speak respectfully to each other and to all staff and students? That is a model that students respond to. This should rise to the level of district policy. It should be more explicit.
- The language in The Promise seems geared toward the work force of today. If you look at the transformation taking place in all levels of society, we can see that people are inventing the future. I think that piece is missing. I see a reference to innovators and creators, but to me that is underemphasized.

Mr Baker