



Longview, WA 98632

MEETING of May 19, 2010

LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES

- **CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

The joint workshop with the Kelso and Longview School District Boards was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by the respective Board Chairs. Heidi Heywood called the Lower Columbia College Meeting to order and determined there was a quorum. Dr. Glenys Hill, Dr. Jim McLaughlin, and Dr. Cusick introduced their respective staff members (see attachment for list of attendees).

- **SEMI HIGH TECH U**

Brendan Glaser, Dean of Lower Columbia College, provided a brief history of the SEMI High Tech U program, which is funded by the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC) through a Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) grant from the U. S. Department of Labor administered by WorkSystems, Inc., and private donations. The program focuses on students 14 to 16 years old who demonstrate an aptitude in science or math. SWWDC approached Lower Columbia College, Norpac and Weyerhaeuser and asked them to partner for a SEMI High Tech U program in Longview. Mike Haas of Weyerhaeuser provided additional program highlights, which included the award of two \$1000 scholarships.

Student participants from Mark Morris, R.A. Long, and Kelso High Schools were introduced by their respective administrators. The students provided a recap of the 3-day event held May 4-6. All were in agreement that the hands-on approach to learning about the manufacturing business was extremely beneficial. They not only learned about process manufacturing, but also why science, math and technical skills are so crucial in the workplace.

- **BUSINESS-EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE DEBRIEF**

Patty Wood, Chair, Kelso School District Board of Directors, reported on the recent Business-Education Roundtable where local businesses and schools came together to discuss education training for a successful workforce. According to Chair Patty Wood, there were strong concerns expressed specific to employability and the lack of work ethic and problem-solving skills. As a result of the roundtable, a three-step action plan was developed. Ms. Wood highlighted the action plan and briefly shared results from the survey.

- **DROPOUT RECOVERY AND PREVENTION**

Chris Fritsch, Executive Director of Leadership and Learning in the Longview School District, shared a presentation of the **District's Dropout Prevention Program. Mr. Fritsch highlighted the program's** current strategies, the On Track Program, Virtual School, credit recovery, compacting, and future work.

Mary Beth Tack, Director of Secondary Education and Adele Marshall, Kelso High School Principal, presented their **District's secondary school dropout prevention program. Ms. Tack**

and Ms. Marshall highlighted the Response to Intervention (RTI) and the use of the data-driven SSR program covering reading, math, and modifications for 2010-2011. Transition from middle school to high school, tutoring, academic coaches, the Career and Technical Education Program were also highlighted.

- **CEO PROGRAM**

Dean Jon Kerr and CEO Program Director Anthony Coleman of Lower Columbia College shared a presentation on the Career Education Options (CEO) program at LCC. The Program is designed to give young adults an opportunity to resume their studies and improve employment opportunities. They highlighted annual CEO enrollment and completion, progression of CEO students to college level courses, and the curriculum.

- **HEALTH AND SCIENCE BUILDING**

Dr. Jim McLaughlin, President, and Ellen Peres, Vice President of Administrative Services, of Lower Columbia College shared future plans for the **College's Health and Science** building, which will be a \$43 million project. The building will house all science classes and labs, provide a dedicated space for the Nursing program, and contain a large lecture hall. In addition, the College is working with Cowlitz PUD and the Bonneville Foundation on several solar enhancements.

Dr. McLaughlin also reported that the College will be offering a one-year **associate's program** commencing in the fall; the first in Washington State.

- **CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING**

Longview School District Board Chair Jennifer Leach shared closing remarks.

Mike Haas, Weyerhaeuser, suggested inviting Washington State University to the table for a future joint session.

The Longview and Kelso Board of Directors will provide input to their respective Superintendents and the Lower Columbia College Board of Trustees will provide input to President Dr. McLaughlin relative to future topics/next meeting.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The joint workshop was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. by Jennifer Leach, President

On June 16, 2010, the Board of Trustees of Community College District 13 approved minutes of the May 19, 2010 special meeting.

James L. McLaughlin, Secretary

ATTENDEES:

Present were:

LONGVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Members: Jennifer Leach, President

Ted Thomas (*arrived 6:15 p.m.*)

Jerry Stinger

Barb Westrick

Staff: Suzanne Cusick, Superintendent

Sandy Catt, Manager Communications and Technology

Chris Fritsch, Executive Director Leadership and Learning

Linda Hahn, Executive Director Leadership and Learning

Jill Anderson, Assistant Principal, R. A. Long High School

Angela Allen, Assistant Principal, Mark Morris High School

Lynn Harper, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Students: Alison Kolberg and Valerie Peerboom, R. A. Long High School

Susan Foytack and Smyth May, Mark Morris High School

KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Members: Patty Wood, President

Cal Miller

Bob Simmons

Roy Parsons

Staff: Glenys Hill, Superintendent

Cindy Wardlow, Vocational Coordinator

Mary Beth Tack, Director of Secondary Education

Adele Marshall, Principal, Kelso High School

Mark Hottowe, Executive Director of Human Resources and Student Services

Scott Westlund, Education Programs Assessment Coordinator

Jim Biber, Executive Director of Business Services and Facilities

Jenae Gomes, Human Resources Assistant Supervisor, Certificated

Judith Holden, Kelso School District

Students: Katie Norris and Devin Sherman, Kelso School District

LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE

Board Members: Heidi Heywood, Chair

Mike Heuer

Mindi Linqvist

Thuy Vo

Staff: Jim McLaughlin, President

Mary Harding, Vice President of Student Success

Ellen Peres, Vice President of Administrative Services

Brendan Glaser, Dean

Jon Kerr, Dean

Anthony Coleman, Director of CEO Program

Sue Groth, Director College Relations

Linda Clark, Executive Assistant to the President

Others Present: Leila Summers, The Daily News, and Mike Haas, Weyerhaeuser.