Agriculture and Horticulture Advisory Committee Everett High School Floriculture/Horticulture Classroom March 4, 2008 - 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Attending Members:

Teachers-John Romann, Tammy Price Community Members-Dee Drake, Linda Auchterlonie, Mike Mustell, Chris Smith

Student recognition – Students don't seem very intrigued by receiving a certificate. EHS already does Department Scholar of the Month, where each department chooses a student who has gone above and beyond or has majorly improved. Tammy did a quick survey of her students about this issue. These are the suggestions that her students came up with for recognition:

Small gift certificate to fast food restaurant

Name/picture in local newspaper

Bag of candy given during class with just in-class spoken recognition Bulletin board listing what students are recognized in each class

Program growth and marketing – We spent extensive time discussing the issues surrounding the facility at Cascade and its safety for students. It will be difficult to draw students into a program where the "experience" of the course is not available to them.

The environment that the classrooms/schools can provide are the biggest drawing point for students. They need to feel like they are in a working situation similar to the actual job environment. Working Greenhouses/potting sheds need to be available to Horticulture students. Working Campus Flower Shop needs to be available to Floriculture students. These are programs that could continue to grow if the right equipment, supplies and work spaces are put into place.

All Agriculture program teachers are attending 8th grade Career Fairs in order to pull interest from incoming freshman.

Student Intern Opportunities – None specific for Horticulture. Floriculture has a few options. There has already been a dialog with Adrians Flowers about providing an internship opportunity with a special ed student during school hours. It didn't manifest itself but the opportunity might still be available.