

Agriculture and Horticulture ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: 12 November, 2008
Time: 3:30 PM
Location: Room 330 Everett High

In attendance:

John Romann, Tammy Price, Carl Fender, Dee Drake, Craig Callies, Sharon Collman, Adam VanWinkel

Subject: As a volunteer, what makes you feel valued?

Discussion: .

Most agreed on 2 items. First that their input is appreciated and second that the value of their input is confirmed by timely and accurate feed back regarding their suggestions. One long time member stated that they had never received feed back on any suggestions/ideas

Action/Proposal:

Instructors must ensure that suggestions/ideas brought forward during committee meetings and agreed as an action item are followed up with feedback to either the individual involved if appropriate or the committee as a group

Subject: What expertise/what do you bring to the table

Discussion:

It was agreed that the collective sharing of ideas and experiences in the work force would be invaluable in determining the future direction and focus of each of the 2 programs

Action/Proposal: Make the sharing of ideas and experiences since the last advisory group meeting a standing agenda item for each meeting

Subject: Curriculum standards/frameworks

Discussion:

Advisory group requested to see the curriculum material

Action/Proposal:

Instructors provide curriculum to advisory group Upon review, Instructors discuss possible meeting with selected advisory members meet to discuss prior to next regular scheduled meeting on 11 March, 2009.

Advisory members were in full agreement that knowledge of the industry is important however, the number one priority they seek in new/potential employees is they possess a strong work ethic, are team players, and show up ready to work on time.

Subject: Industry Trends/future

Discussion:

It was pointed out that the horticulture and floriculture industry is a major industry in the State of Washington that encompasses many disciplines/career pathways. Instructors need to explore each of these career paths and ensure that these pathways are conveyed to all students in their career and leadership units within their respective curriculums

Action/proposal:

Instructors continue to liaison with community/area industries to remain current regarding career opportunities

Next Meeting Date:

11 March, 2009

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: Cascade High School

Meeting Adjourned (time): 6 PM