

January 28, 2021 | 1-2:30pm | Zoom

Attended

~Amy Martinez
~Ben Bagherpour
~Charlie Crawford
~Chris Bailey
~Eric Nerison
~Kevin Perkey
~Mel Netzhammer
~Tim Merlino
~Vickei Hrdina

Regrets

~Eddie Martin
~Jerry Lewis
~Ted Sprague

CALL TO ORDER – 1:02PM**CHECK-IN AGENDA ITEMS****Review of October Meeting Minutes | Ben & Tim**

- No feedback
- Approval: Mel Moves, Amy Seconds, All in Favor

Chair Updates | Ben & Tim

- Esina has left Insitu, will no longer serve on the Governance Board. Industry-facing position available representing the Gorge region. Vickei suggests Jamie Mack CEO of Zephyr Manufacturing Co, a women-led aerospace manufacturing space. Board to vote for approval on suggestion.
 - Approval: Eric Motions, Kevin Seconds, All in Favor.

Regional Updates | Vickei | (Section Slides)

- Columbia River STEM Network (Cowlitz/Wahkiakum)
 - Increased CCL, & 4-5 Flipped internships this year
 - LCC building Career Launch
 - Ties to 14 vocational pathways, for those who want to advance to a managerial role or start their own business
 - LCC Navigator Pilot Program – Have a navigator embedded in Kelso school to work on career exploration and post-secondary planning. Hope to add another Navigator this year.
- Clark Region
 - Added 7 virtual internships at SEH America. One CCSW Internship at ESD 112 to help with FAFSA completion work (identify best practices in reaching out to families/students that don't normally complete it).
 - Worksite tours (video library), potentially using high school A/V production class students as interns to help with the videos.
 - New Career Launch Applications, Career Pathway Workgroups.
 - State provides money for equipment/faculty for new Career Launch endorsements. Clark College set to receive approx. 2.1 million for theirs.
- Gorge Region
 - nPower Gorge Girls - 2 sessions so far with 4 mentors from Aerospace sector
 - AJAC Youth Apprenticeships – working to identify 3 business partnerships, schools are considering when to launch – fall 2021 or spring.
 - Potential sharing of work with Hood River STEM Hub
 - Agreement (draft needed) that benefits both sides, ensuring that state money is kept separate.

Vision, Mission, Goals | Vickei | ([Section Slides](#))

- Vision
 - “Not Predictable” wording to be reworked
 - Vickei has received all group input, will finalize and send to the regional boards to offer final feedback for one week, after which it becomes finalized.
- Mission - Board Input
 - Blue text preferred
 - If there is one bullet to remove, it would be 4 due to it is more of a process used to get to bullets 1-3.

Center of Excellence Update | Charlie Crawford | ([Quarterly Report](#))

- Established Governance as the local advisory board
- Building relationships, attending meetings. Key activity will be to increase awareness/engage for HS students, CTE teachers, expand to adults in the community as well, working in close partnership with CCSW, Clark, WSUV and HTC.

Budget Update | Vickei Hrdina | ([Section Slides](#))

- Forecast for 2021-22 will be available for the April meeting
- Working with agencies that have potential for approval for intermediary grants, right now we have none.
- Applying for Murdock Trust grant for capital funding partnership with Yakima

Legislative Advocacy | Vickei Hrdina

- Tax revenue higher than expected. Bills 1195, 1162, 1119 bills to track to determine impact on our activities.
- HB 2158 is critical, was projected for 343mil for 2019-21, then 605mil for 2021-23. Governor has requested it raised to 622mil.
- Federal stimulus made provide a boon for state budget towards cities and schools.

Discussion & Next Steps | Ben & Tim

- None

MEETING ADJOURNED – 2:32PM

NEXT MEETING DATE – APRIL 22, 2020