



Dialogue for Democracy

a statewide public forum connecting communities and education

Bellingham Public Schools Team Action Plan

Team members:

Thomas Brounstein, Student, Bellingham High School
Angela Harwood, Associate Professor, Western Washington University
Dale Kinsley, Superintendent, Bellingham School District
Julie Kratzig, Counselor, Sehome High School
Bruce Mansfield, Teacher, Bellingham High School
John Van Haalen, Assistant Principal, Bellingham High School
Carmen Werder, Director, Teaching and Learning Academy, Western Washington University

Community to be impacted by team:

Bellingham, WA

Issue focus:

Implementation of Culminating Project as graduation requirement for all students in the Bellingham School District.

Framework for action:

Action plan is for future dialogue over the next 12 months to answer the following guiding questions regarding implementation of the Culminating Project graduation requirement:

- What does it mean for the culminating project to have a "connection/benefit" to the community?
- What role could WWU students/staff play?
- What would be the process for recruiting/training volunteers to serve as "community advisors?"
- What kind of a clearing house/database will we need to provide students information about and access to "community advisors?"
- How do we ensure communication and collaboration among community partners?
- How can we recognize and celebrate our success?