



# Graduation Requirements Preparing the Twenty-First Century Learner

## MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Center  
February 18, 2009

### **In attendance:**

Kate Canine, Martin Carcasson, Chuck DeWayne, Carol Ann Hixon, Karen Kaminski, Brett Larsen, Pat Nash, Manny Ortega, Lisa Pitot, David Platt

### **1. Current Policies**

Carol Ann Hixon shared with the group her experience in helping with the creation of Graduation Requirements and Common Learnings in 1987. Board Policy IKF-R “The Common Learnings” are the predecessors of today’s Standards. RMHS credit has always been different because of the block schedule. The question in 1987 is the same question as today, “What do we want kids to know?”

At the next meeting, Manny Ortega & Chuck DeWayne will present materials from Reynolds HS in Troutdale, Oregon. Reynolds has developed an extensive career pathways system.

Manny Ortega sites the work of Harvard professor, Richard Elmore, “The (only) three ways to improve performance in schools”.

Student engagement is the key. Student motivation is high when choice is involved. Students will choose what they are good at.

State is saying move career awareness to MS. Some say earlier...even to elementary school.

There must be accountability around preparedness.

### **2. Martin Carcasson – Center for Public Deliberation – CSU**

Martin, with the help of his students, will assist the District in forming various focus groups to be polled on their level of post-secondary readiness. The goal is to begin project in March/April.

Various focus groups to consider:

- Recent high school graduates

- CSU students

- FRCC students

- Alternative school students

- The Center students

- Drop outs

- College bound students who didn’t get into first choice school

- Super seniors



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Possible questions:

How prepared were you?

Where were the gaps?

What do you struggle in? What comes easily?

How are you doing compared to your peers?

Next Meeting: March 12, 2009 – Partnership Center