

Vocational Education Meeting  
Willow Conference Room  
January 14, 2014

**Attendees present:**

Andrea Waldrop, LHS Principal  
Chris Panike, Director of Business & Operations  
Paul Anderes, AG & Science Teacher  
Steve Ilg, Welding, Yearbook Teacher  
Scott Carpenter, Assistant Principal  
Larry Glaze, Superintendent  
Scott Rose, DLR & Associates

Larry explained the reason behind today's meeting. He's seen an increased interest in vocational education, CTE along with adult education at LHS. We will look at current programs and look to showcase what we currently are doing and what we can put together to garner community support.

Scott Rose briefed the attendees on what they need to do in the future. Complete due diligence, prudent planning to ensure we are clearly identifying the intent of what we would like to do at LHS. Reinvest in vocational ed, identify private partners, build multiple programs and create appropriate budget to accommodate for it. Create opportunities for students to look at programs before they go to college; see where the industries are going. Scott reviewed and discussed points on the charts as listed below:

**The Evolution of jobs:**

- ❖ Welding
- ❖ Construction (furniture, sheds, etc)
- ❖ Home Economics
- ❖ Jewelry
- ❖ Greenhouses / Entrepreneur
- ❖ Drafting
- ❖ Photo Development

**The Birth of the Shop/Vocational Classroom:**

- ❖ Woods
- ❖ Metals
- ❖ Automotive
- ❖ Sewing
- ❖ Cooking

**Career Tech Education (CTE) - Now and Near Future**

- ❖ Computer Diagnostics
- ❖ Nursing / Health Care
- ❖ Computer Graphics
- ❖ Horticulture / Landscape
- ❖ Earth Sciences
- ❖ Building Construction
- ❖ Testing Labs

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- Water Migration
- Strength Testing
- Erosion, Soil Testing
- ❖ Fabricating Shops
- ❖ Painting Labs
- ❖ S T E M (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)
- ❖ EMT Training
- ❖ Forestry Service
- ❖ Teacher Training Labs
- ❖ Bike Repair
- ❖ Small Engine Repair - Equipment / Earthmoving / Diesel Mechanic
- ❖ Structural Welding
- ❖ Entrepreneur / Small Business
- ❖ Green Energy
- ❖ Culinary
- ❖ Commercial Fitness
- ❖ Wildlife Management
- ❖ Hospitality
- ❖ Electronics / Robotics
  - Critical: Local Partnerships
- ❖ CTA / MS Office

Larry stated he would like to create a collaboration between LHS and Grande Ronde Hospital, set up career opportunities by students simply walking up the street.

- ❖ Scott suggested looking at grants the state is offering, there are grants available for CTE projects, computer graphics, horticulture, building construction.
- ❖ Where do the students currently become career ready and entrepreneurial?
- ❖ Partnering with local businesses for additional opportunities for students, sustainability in La Grande with additional jobs and local partnerships. It could increase the amount of students staying in La Grande instead of growing up and leaving the community. Prepare students for the businesses already located in La Grande.
- ❖ Expand and reinvest in vocational education at LHS.
- ❖ Create a budget, already have the building, do you gut it and remodel or replace it?
  - Problem there are other classes being held in the same building, where do they go?
  - Is the building in the best place buried inside the LHS campus, security could be an issue if the building stays

Scott polled the room with ideas for opportunities from the attendees as follows:

★ **Andrea Waldrop:**

- Health care collaboration, people are living longer, great career
- Currently have 3.5 teachers staffed for CTE;

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- Culinary Arts staffed have time and currently have CTE teachers that are teaching five or six different preps
- Used to teach a class called exploring education. Met with students once a week, lessons and worked in classrooms four days a week. We have seven teachers in LGSD currently that took that class. Worried as I don't see students thinking about teaching as an education

★ **Chris Panike:**

- First, comments on the Voc/Welding building - New ventilation in the welding shop needed, fumes in the air, needs a new roof, windows etc. Building meets criteria of replace vs restore in LGSD
- Programs: Need mechanics, diesel specifically and wildlife management, small engine, equipment, earth movers, etc.

★ **Paul Anderes**

- STEM products
- Local partnership; need their support
- ODE has substantial grants available to coincide with a bond with minimum requirements
- Horticulture, landscape STEM, plant science class, move focus away from greenhouse, small engine repair, possible partnership with Baretto Mfg
- Forestry program is good here, continue with that, a niche in the area

★ **Steve Ilg**

- Caution to not have five or six different subjects
- Have electronic robotics
- Business, computer application, microsoft office certification with CTA built in
- Adult education, include crafts/arts area and MS office
  - Note - the building in its current location is not a great location for evening classes and activities. Child care also comes into play for evening classes

★ **Scott Carpenter**

- Big selling point making sure program ends with a certificate, a skill to be used beyond the class. Programs that lead to certification. If LHS offers the certification could lead to businesses coming to LGSD looking for employees.

★ **Larry Glaze**

- Agree with everything
- Have LHS being known for highly attractive programs, vocational programs along with offering certifications upon graduation or completion.
- Look around the local area and find opportunities around us we can tie into vocationally.
- Idea of robotics, cutting edge technologies
- Started with adult education in welding department, build on it and look for new opportunities, expand it and look for grants.
- Take a look at our lower level education programs and see what is feeding into LHS
- Chris, Paul comments - build on not having a community college in the area and

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create a resource for people here.

Scott in closing spoke about the next meetings; prepare a draft proposal to go to the board to possibly include.

- ★ Have a community forum targeting CTE
- ★ Fill the void of no community college in the area by offering CTE with certificates at LHS
- ★ Create a long range plan of CTE, market the governors plan of 40, 40, 20
- ★ Make the building a focal point of the campus, move to another location? There are other programs currently sharing the current building and it is not easily available to the general public
- ★ Plan to close campus, make a more secure environment for the students and public
- ★ New building to house the programs, current space is not viable
- ★ Replace the east wing of LHS and create a STEM suite; two stories with focus of science labs, vocational in nature, create a hub with project based areas on one end
- ★ Look for partnership possibilities, the size of the current building (11,000 sq ft) is correct for LHS
- ★ Place culinary arts with vocational programs, centralize them in one location.

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