

**WA-ACTE SUMMER CONFERENCE  
AUGUST 14-17, 2011 – HILTON SEATTLE  
INSERVICE EVALUATION SUMMARY**

5 = Excellent

4 = Very Good

3 = Good

2 = Fair

1 = Poor

**2011 WA-ACTE Conference Objectives**

*To provide participants the opportunity to increase their knowledge and competencies while expanding their support network as they focus their professional development on the following:*

1. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills: Ways of Thinking, Ways of Working, Tools for Working, and Living in the World
2. How CTE uses social/digital media for professional development and instruction.
3. Acquire strategies to increase non-traditional student enrollment.
4. Building bridges for career and college ready students with Programs of Study.

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| 1. The extent to which the written objectives have been met.                                   | 4.00       |  |           |
| 2. Participant perception of relevance and quality of the conference.                          | 3.97       |  |           |
| 3. The extent to which the following activities addressed by the conference have been met:     |            |  |           |
| a. Opportunities for participants to collect and analyze evidence related to student learning. | 3.81       |  |           |
| b. Professional certificate standards.   | 3.87       |  |           |
| c. School and district improvement efforts.  | 3.80       |  |           |
| d. K-12 frameworks and curriculum alignment.   | 3.84       |  |           |
| e. Research-based instructional strategies and assessment practices.                           | 3.75       |  |           |
| f. Content of current or anticipated assignment.   | 3.88       |  |           |
| g. Advocacy for students and leadership, supervision, mentoring/coaching.                      | 4.04       |  |           |
| h. Building a collaborative learning community.  | 3.98       |  |           |
| 4. The quality of the physical facilities.   | 3.88       |  |           |
| 5. The quality of the oral presentations.  | 4.00       |  |           |
| 6. The quality of the written program materials.   | 4.00       |  |           |
| 7. Opening Session   | 3.63       |  |           |
| 8. General Session   | 3.86       |  |           |
| 9. Closing Session   | 4.24       |  |           |
| 10. Overall Conference Experience  | 3.90       |  |           |
| 11. Do you plan to attend next year's conference in Yakima, August 5-8, 2012?                  | Yes<br>82% |  | No<br>18% |

## Suggestions for improving the conference:

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- Maybe provide a network tome for people to be able to connect w/"Willing" Business that want to partner w/school to do internships. Help with STEM.
- It needs to stay in Yakima or Wenatchee. This facility was terrible. I had no idea there was 2 vendor halls until they were taking it down. Parking cost too much. It just wasn't a good experience.
- Opening session and general session need work. Try not to put the interesting sessions together; space them out so we can visit them.
- Again, change Mondays, let's go to STRANDS on Monday. Would like more hands on, things for us in classroom.
- Parking is limited.
- Wish there was more materials given that could be used in classroom. Teaching ideas and labs.
- The opening speakers were boring and had little real application to teachers. They seemed more like presentations to government officials. The speakers on Tuesday should have had more time. They were the strongest. Some of the rooms couldn't hold all of the attendees. There wasn't enough parking.
- Like everyone else "Parking." Closing speaker was amazing. I hope everyone learned from him.
- Twitter access was not as promoted as much as anticipated, like having the conference on the East Side - easier to transition from summer to school. Monday needs more section sessions so that our Administrators attending can see what we are doing.
- Wednesday was the most full-filling day. Maybe one less day. I liked the Superintendent, William Symonds and Rod Brooks.
- The first day of conference tries to be all things to all people and fails. Please bring in more engaging speakers. "Aloha Lady" was terrible. I liked hearing from the Superintendent. Make roundtables more clear. Even presenters were unsure about when to switch tables. I really enjoyed Gary Moore's speech - his advice and passion were great. Wonderful way to end the conference.
- Make it clear that we have to get our name tags signed to get lunch on Tuesday. Maybe a bright sticky note on our badge when we sign in and a table to sign up right then.
- One day shorter.
- Closing Session "Find Invisible Students" rates a 10. Realize that many of our decision makers who allow us to attend, only attend on our 1st day of conference. Pullout all the stops on the first day. Round tables are no longer effective. GREAT CONFERENCE.
- Opening Session Dorn; Rosa ok.
- Loved Gary Moore. Need free Wi-Fi. All materials posted on Web?
- Coffee day 2 would be great...lunch day 2 -option.
- Closing Session great.
- Rosa Say? Really? What was she talking about?
- None. I thought it was well organized. Great speakers.
- Closing speaker was amazing! General Session speaker not so good!
- Facilities were cold.
- Overall conference was a 5 plus
- Thank you. Enjoyed the conference.
- Please post handouts on WA-ACTE web site.
- Better parking options. Socializing options. SeaTac is a tough place logistically to have a conference.
- Overall, very good conference. Attended Digi Tools presentation. Disappointed to see without keyboarding as a component??
- Parking horrendous.
- Dorn OK, Rosa too soft spoken, slowly built. Hmmm, maybe lose the tables in the sessions for space and have extra chairs in the back in case.
- I attend when in the Seattle area.
- Location less than ideal.
- Turn up heat.

- Shorter conference meeting times so that more sessions can be attended. Please don't cancel sessions because they were already offered, many of us plan evens and count on sessions being offered at their times.
- Great!
- Do not schedule speakers with no direct relationship to education. I would've read Opening Session as "Best Ever" with Randy Dorn.
- Get rid of closing session. The quality of the facilities was fine for some things; for others it was cold and packed. Opening session was great with Randy Dorn. Not so with Rosa. Have in downtown Seattle. Have Tuesday meetings with your sections which are most beneficial and be done with it.
- This hotel is very expensive! Restaurant way more \$ than my per diem allows. The venue at Spokane is truly better; closer to restaurant shopping etc., and can walk to them. Chose a more appropriate venue!
- Closer to East side of state.
- This is my first year at WA-ACTE Conference. I think the networking opportunities are powerful. Thank you.
- Came for one day w/Clyde Vincent.
- Thank you for organizing this conference.
- Possibly a venue which allows for more food options. Excellent conference!
- Love the site, not the location.
- Great opening session & speakers.
- I'm on information overload! But that's a good thing.
- The conference over all was great!
- First day not guest speakers for 4 hours straight. Split it up. Lunch w/dept for info pertaining to content area was beneficial.
- Concern with Nov 2011 conference parking at Marriott. Lot less space and must use.
- Coffee availability throughout the conference.
- More individual career sessions (example) auto, building trades, and DO.
- More parking.
- Facilities inadequate. Parking challenges Room in common areas inadequate. Closing session excellent presentation.
- Good job.
- Offer more industry/skill related tours, workshops and/or hand on events.
- Better service and facilities. Poor breakfast and dinner material!
- Parking/planning for large # of people. Internet needs to be free.
- Randy Dorn was fabulous. Hotel accommodations were difficult to navigate for a HC person and no computer in-room access. Horrible.
- Randy Dorn was great. W Symonds was awesome.
- No food restaurants around.
- I only attend for the clock hours. If there is 1 decent or relevant session I consider it a success, albeit, a weak success. Get some constructional trades/manufacturing presenters.
- Gary Moore, excellent inspirational speaker!
- Better parking accommodations. A/C not working in some rooms. Thank you.
- Offer a course on technical writing and beginning accounting.
- No closing session speaker, we are too tired by this point in the conference.
- More hands-on labs would be nice. Employees can always learn a new software program, but if they cannot use their hands and actually do something they will not be a well rounded employee. 70% of the US workers use their hands" and maybe basic software.
- Like most school districts in the state have gone away from woodshop and welding so has the conference. There are not sessions which addresses any hands-on application other than IT. More than 60 to 70% of the population will work with their hands.
- I found presentations were short/could have "piggybacked" like topics. Nice to have long lunch, however, took time away from possible duplicate sessions. Too many to go to, not offered enough times.
- More parking. Stay on the westside. Less breakout sessions about products to buy. More free curriculum.
- Sometimes information is a little repetitive. Rooms were small and hot for sessions (in Hilton).
- Never here at this location again. If it is in Seattle...then be in Seattle. This area is crap!

- Need breakout sessions and a shorter opening session.
- Bad location. The first day of conference was not as inspiring as days 2 and 3. Thanks for all your hard work!
- Rosa Say may have had a good message but she was difficult to hear and her presentation was not engaging. Randy Dorn was great.
- More active sessions.
- Great job, especially WA-ACTE staff.
- More sugar snacks. Last year there were amazing desserts available before the general session.
- Parking was awful, late first day because of lack of parking. Facilities fine over here, opening session not enough places to sit. Closing session too long.
- Parking terrible and rooms cold!!!
- No fridge or microwave in room.
- Loved having the conference in Seattle.
- Food choices good. Next conference try to time sessions closer together. Long breaks not necessary. Have 1 1/2 day conference, not three days or four. Too long - not enough content. Better tech set-up properly with support. Closing key note was A+++++.
- Try to maintain a comfortable temperature, many of the rooms were absolutely frigid!!
- Have more sessions for specific content areas.
- Encourage
- Excellent conference. Thanks.
- Excellent choice of speakers. Keep selecting people like Rosa Say. Thank you.
- The Hilton staff was very awesome!
- Parking was a challenge.
- Food was wonderful, only concern it was a challenge to get food to meet special allergy needs. Opening session with Rosa was a disappointment, not engaging me to listen.
- Parking nightmare.
- Dining opportunities were limited.
- Would like to have a session for commercial arts programs.
- Internet in rooms and parking.
- Less down time, lunch breaks too long.
- Parking.
- Not impressed by most general session speakers.
- Parking was a nightmare. The 2-level parking structure filled immediately and many of us drove around for over 1/2 hour until a hotel employee started letting people park in the valet area. The hotel staff is lovely, but the Emerald Ballroom was too small to be comfortable for all of us at once. We were sardines! Please consider the Lynnwood Conference Center next time.
- Start the conference with a general announcement about cell phones, laptop usage during sessions. Talking is so rude and disrespectful when someone is presenting. It has gotten out of control!! Many of us are older now and don't hear as well.
- Better parking. More accessible food within walking distance. Not all opening day speakers were audible.
- 1st conference in 35 years of frequent attendance where I felt participation, collaboration, timing and ending each day was appropriate.
- Screens in general session were blurred.
- Workshops spread out too far from each other.
- The meals we paid for were not as good as those at past conferences.
- Larger rooms for more seating/walking space.
- Please include more "substance" and "relevance" for WASTS. I will not attend next year's conference due to the lack of support in my area from this week's conference.
- I spend \$120 of my own money to pay for a 3 hour Project Management pre-conference class and came away with information that I could have received on the internet. I was hoping for more take away helps for the classroom. Sorry.
- More coffee.
- Give the last day session one hour and leave the keynote speaker at the end to one hour.

- Closing Session was great. I didn't see anything that addressed strategies to non-tradition enrollment. Objectives were poorly written. Not objectives at all - we should model better instructional technique!
- Opportunity for sections to repeat presenter/presentations.
- Opening Session, not sure how to change it, but a lot of sitting.
- It would be nice to see what people teach on their name tag in addition to what school they teach at.
- Hard to understand closing session presenter.
- Had a wonderful conference.
- Conference breakout and general sessions were too far apart (HH to CC) walking distance too far to make sessions on time and talk to peers along the way.
- A fellow participant suggested that apprenticeship programs should be included.
- Go back to the other convention hotel (DoubleTree). I like Yakima.
- Choose keynotes that are inspiring (Rosa) Dorn was good. Good conference overall. Closing speaker good!!! Trust passion.
- I liked it. Wasn't all about patting on the back.
- Too much social media. Thank you Gary.
- Loved closing session. Would like to see more in depth workshops that include ways the technology is being used with students. Ready to use lesson plans would be nice.
- Closing session was horribly archaic and dated. I was very disappointed! You did a fine job of overall presentations, conference, organization, facility, quality of general session were all very good. Thank you for a job well done.
- Please get conference details, session information, out before registration opens.
- For the Six Week Survival Workshop, gear to first year teachers and how/what you need to do. Not focus on joining and getting involved in skilled & technical.(WASTS)
- Parking was a problem. OSPI 21st Century Skills Session was cancelled. This should have been the conference focus!!
- Great conference, amazing speakers. Learned a lot.
- Don't have opening session last three hours with just sitting. Great closing.
- Closing session was excellent.
- Too long listening to speakers on day 1. Maybe break up? 3 and 1/2 hours (with 1/2 break) then lunch seems like too much "seat time" in a chunk.
- Closing speaker was great! Monday's content needs to be more valuable. Content specific presentations were good! SeaTac is a no!
- Would prefer to be on eastside of state. Monday really dragged on.
- Coffee available throughout please.
- Better parking facilities!
- Parking!
- Thank you! Very good conference!
- Not so many speakers at the beginning of the conference.
- No lunch. What is up with your keynote speakers?
- Meeting rooms were too cold!
- More cluster specific sessions. More input from teachers prior to conference for sessions. How to be a speaking VOTING on which sessions we want - Facebook poll.
- The speakers in opening session were excellent! Closing Session was excellent. Great work. Managing w/Aloha, Great.
- Will not attend any conference in Yakima!
- Parking situation was not good. Loved being on the westside.
- Post signs when sessions concealed. Make sure scheduled sessions occur. (OSPI cancelled)
- General sessions held in main ballroom were cramped.
- The opening & general sessions were a long time to sit.
- Great snacks this year!
- Overall it was a great conference.
- Let us know ahead of time of a cancelled OSPI session.

- The 2nd speaker in opening session was hard to follow and slow following Randy Dorn.
- Parking was a problem. Heard complaint from several presenters.
- Thank you for putting together this big conference.
- More offerings for career specialists. Opening session, very hard to hear.
- It would have been nice to have a lab set-up so that we could sign up for the MS IT Academy.
- Parking a problem. Find a facility that doesn't charge for parking
- Why was there no discussion on the new funding model?
- More physical movement/participation in sessions lasting more than 30 minutes, like Randy Dorn did. Physical movement increases memory and learning.
- Better parking.
- It would be nice to have framework changes and other tools given at Summer Conference so we can start the year with the tools we need.
- If class is cancelled, please post. (Why OSPI cancelled?)
- Parking! Closing Session excellent power point. Turn up the temperature a couple of degrees.
- Dorn was good the "Aloha" was poor.
- One OSPI session was cancelled but we weren't notified. No need for tables in meeting rooms.
- Would like more information regarding non-traditional student enrolment strategies.
- Coffee needs to be served until 12:00 - check it.
- Opening - confusion? More parking.
- Parking was ridiculous and far too expensive.
- Have coffee until noon.
- Gary Moore is awesome!
- I don't know. I attend an OSPI conference and it seems so full of substance. I come here and I feel like I'm in elementary school.
- Parking, bad. Dorn good. Aloha, sad. Hire an inspiring keynote. All other sessions were valuable. Thanks for a great conference.
- Great end of conference.
- Parking locations not very convenient. Boxed lunch was delicious. Beautiful facility but cold in the rooms on Tuesday.
- One keynote speaker was not good or motivating. Gary Moore was great. More specifics and handouts from sessions in general.
- Not good location for districts cutting back on travel.
- Closing session was excellent!!!
- Parking, yikes! Quality of oral presentations, yikes! Boring!!!!
- Food served at meetings was not the best. The Aloha lady not the best. Randy was great. I haven't been to summer conference in a few years because it hadn't been worthwhile sometimes in the past. This year it has been great! Very informational!
- Physical facilities did not work well for this conference.
- Great conference. Enjoy coming every year.
- Enjoyed second and third days. Hotel facility had little around it so it narrowed places to go w/o driving a long way. Otherwise hotel was wonderful.
- I could not attend one session because the room was too small for the number of people.
- Better parking.
- Parking was particularly challenging @ the Hilton.
- Cannot attend as our District Admin retreat week. Coffee in the mornings please.
- Problems parking and traffic.
- Too many opening session speakers! One "good" one is enough. Too little hotel parking.
- Excellent closing speaker.
- Go to Yakima next year.
- Excellent Conference.
- Consider Ocean Shores, Walla Walla or Vancouver.

- Parking was awful. This area is too congested for this conference. I think downtown or further south would work better.
- The opening speaker was not interesting. She spoke too softly.
- Closing session was powerful, inspirational, spiritual. Improve acoustics.
- I felt the Hawaiian speaker was too abstract and I'm even an ESFJ. However, I was able to do some reflective thinking. Great closing speaker. He couldn't have said it better.
- No coffee in mornings? Understand costs. Shorten conference by one day to reflect budget shortfalls.
- Need interpreters for opening and closing session.
- Breaks were too long.
- This year was so much better than last year. Thank you.
- Coffee in the morning please, especially on the first day!
- Randy Dorn, Good. Symonds, Good. Thank you for having it on the Westside so that we were able to come.
- If parking is going to be an additional charge it needs to be in all of the confirmation e-mails. Box lunch was wonderful! Location is middle of the road. The Hilton staff are great!
- Parking issues made too many attendees late.
- Wrap it into 2 days. District money is tight.
- Larger meeting rooms when a presentation is promoted by other speakers. Best conference I have attended!
- Closing speaker was excellent!
- Whew! Parking was terrible and pretty expensive.
- Excellent closing speaker. Engaging, relevant, inspiring. Best I've heard. Loved the new teacher ideas - geocaching, etc.
- I really liked Rosa Say, but I wish she could have related her info more directly to education. I would have liked to have copies of powerpoints to take notes on (i.e., William Symonds, Gary Moore, and breakout sessions). Maybe send out before conference and let us print if we want.
- Did not like the SeaTac location. Too much traffic to get anywhere. Nothing in the vicinity. Downtown Seattle or Eastern, WA would be better.
- Never do it in SeaTac again!
- Space. Went to a presentation that other presenters promoted, but not enough room for all, many went to another presentation. My 1st conference! Super!
- Opening Session, hard to hear/very boring! Closing Session had great speaker/ enjoyed his powerpoint! Love world.com.
- Parking was an issue, but better on second day. 3 keynotes for opening session was too much sitting/long. Thank you for having it on the westside.
- Please consider splitting off WAVA from this conference for those of us with teaching duties as well it is difficult to attend both.
- Parking was horrible. I had to park next door for two days and was charged heavily. In times of fiscal stewardship it was disturbing to have to pay so much for parking.
- Loved the conference! Thank you! Appreciated being able to commute, less stress. Loved the facility, loved the long lunches and ability to collaborate!.
- Better communication about parking. Fantastic "Business Round Table." Enjoyed Supt. Dorn's presentation.
- Very good. Unfortunately no \$\$ to come next year.
- Enjoyed it.
- Need more hands-on lesson plans, round table sharing. Need more "how-to's" rather than presenting the information I've already researched and read about. Best part of conference was Randy Dorn and Gary Moore.
- I really like this location! It is nice to not have to drive 6 - 8 hours, plus hotel staff is very accommodating! Conference center close to hotel is wonderful, conference bags are great. Rosa Say was hard to hear/understand. Monday morning parking was a problem, but hotel staff quickly helped to resolve it.
- Randy Dorn made it fun. Rosa Say was only fair; not dynamic. Symonds didn't seem to know his audience. Comments and data were not backed up; he needed to understand Washington better. Closing session speaker was awesome.
- More group work and collaboration time. Some/most presenters (sessions) did not facilitate this. I met some amazing people but didn't have much opportunity to work with them.

- Closing speaker was fantastic! Searching for OZ.
- Hilton was a poor choice; cleanliness, supplies, amenities, accessibility. Needed more hands-on materials or thumb drives of presentations.
- Great closing session speaker. Too long for lunch break. It could be an hour. Coffee please and options for food. Parking attendants were great! Have ONE speaker for everyone during the morning and offer repeat of some sessions. There were too many good choices during the day. I had a hard time choosing which one.
- I love, love, love that conference was in the Seattle area.
- I was impressed with the variety and quantity of presenters. Even an onsite masseuse It's an impressive presentation current industry information.
- Cannot attend next year because of fair week, sorry.
- Will not attend next year. Too much \$\$ for what I got (1.5). The best thing for me was to meet other teachers who do what I do (a total of 3). I feel that most of the session handouts were good but the presentations were boring - could have learned the info from the handouts. I wanted help on frameworks. Q/A, hopefully the handouts will work.
- Yakima, scary. Like coming to Seattle, but did not like conference hotel, rooms are bad, nickel/dime you for everything; limited parking, especially handicap. Things too spread out, you walk forever.
- I could not listen to the opening session for lack of convenient seating. I also missed some sessions because of lack of seating. Other than that I really enjoyed and benefited from the conference. Also, the location lacked convenience to food and entertainment after sessions.
- Excellent event. I appreciate the opportunity to view the list of offerings before conference so I could make a plan and use my time well.
- More breakout sessions on the first day. Shorter breaks, get done sooner! More variety for all content areas. More food provided.
- I hated the parking situation. Some of the rooms had broken air conditioning - what's up with that?
- Really liked being on the westside!
- General/opening sessions were not applicable to my teaching assignment and both speakers were painfully boring. Need more relevant/exciting presentations to kick off the conference. All the great sessions were in the 1 hour time slots -would have preferred to have those be in the longer time slots rather than the general boring stuff.
- The opening speaker, she was terribly. Did somebody recommend? I still have no idea what she talked about. I hope she wasn't expensive! Randy was great and thank goodness motivating.
- Difficult to be in two hotels and transport equipment and pay for parking at two hotels. Conference, Hilton and staying at Marriott as the Hilton did not have any more rooms in June. William Symonds was excellent speaker.
- Do not have in Seattle - too expensive or look for a better organized hotel, that doesn't charge so much. Rooms were too small.
- Prefer eastside conferences, easier to park, less crowded towns, less stressful area. Hotel provided a great opportunity to walk, 45 minutes/day. Thanks for yummy vegan meals.
- Closing - give link for powerpoints and handouts. Great resources. Opening microphone need better quality; too many people, keep it to 1 person and shorten length. Most districts won't pay for breakfasts/luncheons @ \$15 - \$25, too much out of pocket expenses for teachers. Incorporate ACTE dues into WA-ACTE registration.
- Monday has to change. Most directors/supervisors see this day as long drawn out general session/speakers with no relevance to classroom content. I have heard several say they will not send teachers again due to this 1st impression. We wouldn't start our new year out this way, we start it with a bang to hook students, do the same here.
- I loved coming to Seattle for a change, but the Hilton was way too expensive. If you researched and found it to be the only place to host us with the proper space and room arrangements at the best rates available for the area, then we probably need to keep it in Yakima. The Hilton staff was nice with the exception of one of the young men at the desk. He just wasn't very helpful. Sorry no name. The room as nice and break out rooms were fine, just needed better pricing and other hotel group rates posted sooner than they were.
- Great speaker for the end of our conference that provided so much information and so many challenges for us as CTE instructors.
- Framework and curriculum focus. I want to work with my colleagues on frame work and assessments.
- Have speakers give ideas and examples how to market CTE. We know we have value in education and there is a negative perception by some that we are designed for those not smart enough for the academic world.



- Those disrespectfully talking among themselves during presentation interfered with others hearing speaker clearly. It would benefit others attending the session if being quiet were addressed. Frustrating for a few of us. Parking. Randy Dorn was excellent. Could not hear closing speaker clearly. Aloha??
- Tech support was sad. The section activities are getting so small we need to have a discussion on what their needs are. We are not meeting their professional needs so they do not attend. I will not attend another conference in Seattle area. We did not want to sit in traffic 3 hours a day to come and go so had pay for hotel out of pocket. Motel costs and hotel meal cost were ridicules. Yes, people like Seattle but personal and district budgets cannot afford this area. The hotel & conference center felt like a maze.
- Thank you for the healthy snacks in our bags! There was not sufficient parking, had to park at Wally Park. Lunches were great! WAVA breakfast was not so great, especially for \$18.
- Opening session keynote difficult to follow, sit through, take away to apply to classroom. Sessions appeal, variety, and knowledge, some speakers neglected to know audience. Closing speaker was great.
- Session speakers amazing and relevant. Dynamic closing speaker!
- Starting with three speakers too much to sit through no matter how interesting they might be or relevant their information. At start and periodically throughout, please remind all to silence their phone, and perhaps other housekeeping items. Facilities too spread out, hard to park and go in and out to go on tour. Very friendly and helpful staff though.
- The organization needs to "kick off" the conference with a speaker of the magnitude/inspiration/ enthusiasm as Gary Moore. His message was extremely worthwhile and provided an overall message beneficial to the whole group. The first 3 speakers didn't make a positive first impression for the conference. Pathways to Prosperity could have been great but by the time we had sat through 2 not so beneficial, he was overwhelmingly over looked. Consider spreading key notes throughout program and be intentional about WHO/WHAT kicks off your event. "It's difficult to get a 2nd chance at a 1st impression." Unclear when there were meals or better yet how to prepare.
- Coffee in AM. Opening Session, wonderful. Closing Session, excellent! Love the charge theme.
- Loved Gary's ideas for courage in trying something new, web resources etc. Loved hearing from Randy Dorn, Rosa fell flat and Harvard Pathways didn't do research on what we are already doing at WA-ACTE. Rosa didn't take into account other factors like homeless, lack of parental support and made some really mad/upset rather than inspired or challenged.
- No internet in motel rooms was disappointing. Meant I could not go back to my room and "play" with what had learned. It would be nice if related session were not at the same time. Both FBLA sessions at same time. Also room size needs to be adequate to hold all interested in the different sessions. Temperature control.
- Good networking conference. Randy Dorn and Bill Symonds were very good. Rosa Say was not so good. Need more session in WASTS and WITEA areas. Not enough now to warrant continued attendance.
- Don't use the Hilton, parking is inadequate. Most of the sessions were advertisements for products or programs. The brochure advertised the sessions as helpful, relevant and an updating current curriculum; I attended 3 sessions that were not ads for a product. I felt like I attended an infomercial for most of these. I do not mind attending exhibiter presentation.
- There was not much offered for AV/AVS Graphic Design/photography.
- Better Seattle venue; don't do 3 keynotes in a row, too long. If Dorn comes back have him talk more about what OSPI is doing to support CTE & less song and dance. Felt like middle of Tuesday was a waste, no lunch session for MS robotics/ELL and tours were a bust so had 2 hours to kill. I think a keynote or 1.5 hours to 2 hour session on Pitfall & Promises okay. Social Media would be better than 1 hr. The presenter only covered the pitfalls and I feel like he discouraged IT's use, w/o lawyer present, more than encourage.
- Never come back to SeaTac. Facilities/parking bad. Have dynamic opening speaking. Don't have lunches on same days. Lot of people belong to more than one section.
- Close doors or no tables outside main ballroom/speakers hard to hear (opening). Make sure speakers ask for phones off. Come in and find a seat and then close doors before starting.
- Two hours for lunch is too much. Great ending speaker.
- Parking issues. Coffee 2nd day.
- Rosa lost me after about 15 minutes! She would get a 1 or 2.

- More subsection specific sessions, Seattle Electric Vehicle Association, Information Tech. experts, new technologies for each sub section. Dollars are extremely tight and 1 conference a year is it. WA-ACTE has to be comprehensive for all. Free parking.
- I spoke to Alan Tiff before the conference this summer and he said he had put in to present, but received no reply. I was surprised to see him on the program. He was not home. I don't think he knew he was expected. Somebody may want to give him a call.
- The sessions need more repeats and interactive participation options. Promote the "ACTE FACEBOOK" a lot more.
- Closing Session, thank you for the inspiration! Opening session was disappointing, was waiting to be inspired like Kusch, maybe a CTE student who is doing great things now. Show we are making a difference.
- The actual hotel service, etc. was bad at first. The walking distance from lobby to conference center too far for someone who has walking issues. The parking garage was always full. However, the concierge was great to me with my handicap. Thanks for a well done conference.
- Sorry, Yakima, no. What about CWU, WSU, EWU, WWU for hosting the WA-ACTE conference? The elevators at the conference center seemed to run slow & wobbly.
- Parking should be validated and it should be available - on my first day, Hilton ran out of parking and I had to park on \$20 a day parking and pay for it. Closing presentation by Gary was great.
- Move the breakfast start times for Wednesday for all the sections to 9:00 AM. 80% are "networking" until midnight the night before. Make opening session start at 10 AM, 8 AM too early for those commuting. Parking was a nightmare. Opening session, work with hotel to improve this. Please come back/continue to have this conference once every three years on the westside; suggested locations other than SeaTac, Downtown Seattle, Ocean Shore & their new convention center, Vancouver, Everett, Tacoma, water front is now nice and no more hookers. Thanks for all your hard work! People enjoyed this conference because it had great workshops and was in a different location for a change.
- Would like to have the Union Apprenticeship Program. Also would like to see and hear corporations tell us about their companies and how our students can benefit and grow in their companies.
- I would have liked to meet with other teachers who teach my subject matter. As a new member, I would have appreciated some advice as to which professional group I should focus my attention. Name tags with ID specifying expertise would have been nice. I also wish my district had a chance for a short face-to-face among ourselves. Do you publish a list like the "Milestones" at the back of the schedule? Opening Session, too long. Gary Moore was great.

### **TIME OF YEAR**

- Too early in August for me to attend.
- Having conference a week earlier will help with athletic trainers and start of sports.
- WA-ACTE needs to change out of August. The end of June would be great!

### **COSTS**

- Parking nightmare!!!
- Hilton too much \$\$\$. Charged hotel residence for parking daily, per car!!
- Parking cost & availability.
- Hotel charges for Wi-Fi; parking and food was outrageously priced! Recommend more budget friendly location.
- The food at the WAVA breakfast was poor. It was not worth the money I paid for breakfast.
- Not having to pay for internet and parking would be great!
- Parking was a problem. \$10 at the Hilton and \$20 at Wally Park.
- Not enough parking, expensive.
- Food was too expensive, box lunch was terrible. Parking bad. Will never come to a conference on westside again.
- Hilton was frustrating with charging for internet and walking distance for handicapped attendees. Also prices would make a return to this location impossible.
- Seattle parking too high priced.
- \$18 for section breakfast of quiche and croissant was highway robbery. A choice was needed w/o just high fat food.

- M's game last night: Ticket, hot dog, large bag of cracker jacks, \$17.00!! Wed breakfast at WAME cold bowl of scrambled eggs \$18.00!!
- Pre-con breakfast cost \$18.00; @conf. cost \$8 (section subsidized); actual breakfast, coffee, juice, bagel, small scrambled eggs. Not consistent, not satisfactory.
- Parking was too expensive.
- Hilton was far too expensive. No free wireless in rooms. Parking costs, food fees were ridiculous.
- Paying for internet @ Hilton - too much! Hilton is too expensive.
- Expensive but nice location.
- Parking nightmare!
- I can't believe the hotel charged for internet if you want to work in your room.
- Having internet part of the room price. A little irritating having to pay for internet at a hotel used for business.
- Hilton parking and meals etc. was expensive. I think Spokane or Yakima is affordable
- Hilton was very nice but expensive.
- Free internet in rooms.
- Free parking.
- High cost hotel and food costs, etc.
- This was a great diet conference. The food was too expensive to eat.
- High price of hotel good.
- Hilton pricey, pay for parking???
- Find a bit more affordable facilities.
- Hotel should have wifi available for free.
- Facility too expensive, rooms, restaurant. Technology not free (wifi) Food okay, need more options, vegan, vegetarian, allergies.
- Paying for parking and internet on top of room charges are ridiculous. This does not have a good flow to it. This is too expensive for educators. Parking was a huge issue, guests sent away.
- \$10 Parking, negative.
- Please look for ways to reduce cost. Hard to bring more staff to good training when registration, hotel, travel will be well over \$1000 per person! Not what is best for student in times of financial decline and funds needing to support student learning.
- Having to pay for internet use in my hotel room was a hindrance to my ability to work during conference! I have not had to pay for this service in years! Hilton needs to get with the 21st Century! Having to pay for internet is old. The expense of eating at this hotel was pricey without no real options to eat elsewhere.
- Restaurant too expensive, a waitress should not be there.
- It was cheaper to park at Wally Park vs. hotel. Those who complain about costs are probably from the eastside of the state and don't care that we westsiders always pay \$\$\$ to go to Spokane and Yakima every year.

## **WORKSHOPS**

- Lots of information-would like to see where people could work together on GLEs - Framework as a group with different ideas old and new.
- IT Academy overwhelming - too much. Why not training here for us so we have a better understanding. A lot of info for IT Directors. Remember some of us are not as tech savvy as others. Get rid of luncheons, move through with session rather than go until 4:00 PM.
- Sessions should be about what is advertised, not something else. For example, how to use SM tools in the classroom, not how to use the tools. Have a beginners course for those interested. Two sessions wasted answering how to use individual tools instead of integrated in classroom.
- No real info on video/computer Apps, Networks, Adobe software. Better STEM ideas in Green Energy. There was almost nothing at this time.
- Loved some of the breakouts, "In Her Shoes" was the best. FIDM has great activities to bring to the classroom.
- WAME sessions were wonderful, very valuable and really hit the theme of the conference.
- The Social Media Overview by Brenda Knowlton was very informative. I liked this better than the Sunday Social Media Marketing. I liked Gary Moore. Toby Travis from BECU was also excellent.
- Not a lot of classes specific to my CTE area, Digital graphics/multi-media.

- Great workshops on Tuesday.
- Loved the William Symonds presentation. High quality.
- Focused presentations.
- Have options to take powerpoints home from flash drives.
- WAME presentation was awesome.
- Great topic on Social Media! Can we look at Monday and offerings?
- Some seminars were the same as a NAF Conference, so there wasn't many options for me.
- Pitfalls & Promises of Social Media in Education needs to be seen by all. Keep Social Media use in upcoming conferences so we don't forget.
- Speakers had great content but should be more mindful of time. Please start on time and end on time today. I left 3 sessions before speakers were finished.
- WAME offerings were very redundant. Social Media, Social Media.
- Two sessions speakers did not show and no notes on doors.
- More variety of classes.
- My ASL meetings were good and great info presented.
- Too much reading off power points.
- Some of the speakers needed to have enough handouts for all who attended their sessions.
- NAV good.
- WAME/FACSE events were very understanding to my needs as an educator. I took home several outstanding lesson ideas.
- Sessions selections seemed a bit limited.
- The Pitfalls and Promises of Social Media in Education was excellent - all of us could have used this information and he was a great presenter. He could have even been a keynote. JAG, great, George is very helpful/useful session. Reducing Childhood Obesity, National Leadership project. Great presenters, good "take away".
- More applications to classroom instruction.
- Speakers all well prepared, information timely and relevant, good amount of time between sessions.
- Two workshops on Tuesday from 3 to 4 pm, did not show for workshops. I missed what was going on in another workshop I could of gone to.
- I wish some of the sessions on Tuesday were available on the other days as well because there were some I could not attend.
- The biggest concern for me is, this is mostly a sit and get. Not best practice, especially for CTE! We need to find more hands-on try-it type offerings. I don't know how but maybe some brain storming could find a way.
- The quality of the written programs materials was good when available! Section OSPI update from Pathway supervisor was very weak.
- The best session I attended was the lawyer presenting Social Media. It should've been a full body presentation.
- More relevant WAVA information and presentations.
- WAME sessions rocked! WAME connected well to the theme. Lunch speakers was very dynamic.
- Financial Yoga was awesome!!
- "Building a Collaborative Learning Community" was a "6"
- AP Accounting not a timely option, no reason to have a workshop to tell us it's not going to happen any time soon.
- Really enjoyed the round table discussions.
- The Social Networks information was great!
- Loved having the YOGA/boot camp option in the morning. Thanks!
- PM was extremely useful to me.
- Tours with long pants required was a poor mis-communication. It would have been nice to have lunch with our "group" second day.
- Was very disappointed to have the OSPI 21st Century Skills session cancelled at the last minute. I planned my session attendance around it. One of the main reasons I am here.
- Full breakfast @ WAVA morning meeting.
- FACSE classes need to be offered alternating times so I can attend as many relevant classes
- FACSE need to have time for area meeting planning. Good information at sessions.

- Enjoyed hearing the Pathways to Prosperity presentation.
- Would like to see more collaborative opportunities with Career and Guidance Counsellors and online strategies to communicate counselling needs with students.
- A better variety of sessions for WASTS.
- Disappointed 21st Century not offered a second time, especially since we are going to adopt - common core/ would have liked copies. Lots of info. Would like to see more of this.
- McDonalds my favorite! Did I say McDonalds my favorite?
- Wanted to attend several workshops that were only offered once, but all at the same time.
- There were cancelled sessions and no one put up notices. Section tables were too far out of the way.
- I felt that many FACSE sessions focused on useable lessons and activities in the classroom.
- Information about IT, OSPI update, marketing session accounting sessions good.
- Leadership seminar cancelled, but “we heard through a rumor” after 15 minutes.
- I enjoyed OSPI’s participation and the Project Management seminar.
- Loved McDonalds tour. Also enjoyed FACSE round tables.
- Loved JAG. Beginner guide Social Media
- Michael Brustein’s presentation was really boring, sorry!
- (e) It may have been offered in a work shop I did not attend.
- (6) very little written materials, but a lot of sources online.
- I went to the round table (table 2) no one showed up so I went to the alt. course and it was difficult to find. Also at the “round table” group no one was there to set up signs on tables 1, 2-9, so people just started labeling their table.
- Presentation by Charles Leitsch, Tuesday, was the best presentation (Pitfalls & Promises of Social Media). Beth Ahlstroms, College Bound Scholarship and JoAnn Baria’ WA Career Pathways Roadmap Web Tools and Venetia Willis-Holbrook’s OSPI Update were all great as well. Very informative.
- Wonderful sessions, had a hard time choosing which ones to attend. Love Bills.
- Presentation quality was highly veritable. The 21st Century Skills session was beyond horrible. Overall I would like to see specific tracks. The content for the last few years has been too scattered. For example, I’d have liked to have been able to go to a group of sessions all related to “21st Century Skills.”
- The two FACSE breakouts were well presented but had nothing to do with my teaching assignments.
- I like the use of Twitter hash tags. Also the presentation on How to use Social Media were good.
- I liked some of Tue. breakout sessions. Environmental Science in FACSE & Food choices that make a difference were awesome, though others I attended were okay. USS wasted time.
- More speakers on Arts Pathways (digital media)
- I appreciated having time Tuesday morning for “wellness”. Wish that could be built in at least one more day of conference.
- Announce cancellation of presentation! OSPI 21st Century #2 session!
- The conference roundtable sessions from Monday were poorly organized. Hand written numbers and no time allowance that I only got to 1 table. I even overheard at lunch the guest speaker telling his colleague how poorly organized the roundtables were.
- The session were great. I’m taking a lot of good ideas home.
- Some workshop presentation had very little content, but a lot of “games” and “motivational speakers” and “general view” instead of getting to the point and give more detailed information. (FaceBook, Twitter, Teens Dating, etc.) The best presentation, Global Health at HSCTE session.
- All presenters need a lesson in making better powerpoints. Bree Devlin's presentation was very good. Tim McNeely’s presentation was a 5.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

- Shuttle bus/van to the stadium and light rail for conference members who are disabled.
- Tuesday night social did not allow for net working etc. Difficult to get there.
- Have a barbecue or some type of functions in the evening.
- I miss the T & I Bash.
- Liked the more casual awards event. More opportunity for all to attend.

- Publicize activities (social/evening) ahead of time and as part of registration. There were not a lot of programs for HSCTE.
- Love awards! Good food, maybe a dessert option.
- Fun WA-ACTE awards social, good food!!
- I thought the buffet food during the WA-ACTE awards time was great, liked the relaxed atmosphere, however, I feel people need to quiet down for the awards portion. Hard to hear and not very professional.
- Info about the light rail would have been really helpful.
- Awards programs needs a program, more seating. Facility was too small.
- The light rail was fun. Could have been advertised more.
- Find someone in CTE to coordinate the Fun Run again. Suggestions, Kevin Gary at North Thurston or Brad Hooper at Olympia, Tom Dillet at Washougal?

### **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

- Program brochure was nicely done, but the layout (literary & continuous flow of information and flipping pages was a problem for me; prefer having a chart/grid with workshop location/time would have sufficed. Write up about workshop presenter could have been on separate page. Otherwise; good job!
- Session info not available early enough to encourage teachers to attend. Not sure there is a “full” program for each section.
- Loved the grids posted throughout building. Would like small version in program.
- Program needs to be much more clear for new attendees. Our group showed up 1st day, bright and early anticipating breakfast and there wasn’t so much as a glass of water.
- A better (easier to read and find schedule conflicts and repeats) schedule would be very nice. Simply marking all of the repeating sessions including the first time the session is presented would be a big step forward.
- Program was very confusing, pick 1 or 2 social media to use, not 3 or 4. I never used the one on AssociCom. It would have been nice to get my password and use info before and closer to conference. As I never was able to find mine.
- On the program please have the street address of the conference center and parking info. and price per day.

### **EXHIBITS**

- I appreciate all of the vendors that took the time to attend and the presenters.
- The vendors were very diversified and had great information for us.
- Vendors need more room. They were spread out all over.
- Vendor presentations were helpful.
- More vendors with active displays.
- Loved having exhibits open 2 days.
- I would like to see more vendors. Also, it was difficult for me to find some people that were recommended during workshops to speak to.
- Most of the sessions were advertisements for products or programs. The brochure advertised the sessions as helpful, relevant and an updating current curriculum; I attended 3 sessions that were not ads for a product. I felt like I attended an infomercial for most of this. I do not mind attending exhibiter presentation if I know it is a sales pitch/ informational session of a product. I do mind when a presentation is advertised as a strategy session lesson update and all I hear about is a profit company’s website or product.
- Seating to eat with vendors at lunches, so vendors don’t have such long days without people.
- The boxed lunches from the vendors were very nice, thank you.

### **REGISTRATION**

- Cut registration cost.
- Need a larger area for registration.
- Sundays registration hours needs to extend to 5:00 PM.