

**Fern Ridge Community Conversation
Elmira High School CLC
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13 attendees**

What is Lane doing well?

Affordability

Providing pathways for students

Diversity of options

Nursing program

Dental Hygiene program

Fast track programs

Dance and Music program

Community learning centers are a tangible community connection

Responsive to community needs

Partnering with chambers

Using people and resources

Aspire

High School connections

SBDC

Entrepreneur program

Good combination of in class vs. distance learning

Meets specific needs in higher education – transfer or vocational

Good entry to higher education

Enables students to explore high education options

Integrates well with UO

What should Lane be doing more of in the future to meet community needs?

Technology connections for seniors

More offerings for seniors

Work with high school staff to provide instruction and services in the CLCs

Need to develop more “political muscle”

Clearer information contacts – who to call for what

Promote Lane’s image

More PR re: instructors

Market to adults who want to improve lives

A more visible and regular presence in the high schools

Need a smoother transition from high school to college

Need pathway from college to the job – especially culinary students

Develop a technology center

Create environmental program

Expand team building class e.g. across internet with e-projects

Outreach to specific industries

More evening classes starting at 5:30 pm

More entrepreneurial programs

What does Fern Ridge need Lane to be doing to support the development of the community?

Put Lane signage in CLC

Talk to HS about how to use CLC space

Develop a plan for using CLC and building community relations

Use high school teachers in CLC

Bring back coordinator positions to CLCs

More distance learning

Develop short, seminar type distance learning

Help with connection between business community and schools

Help attract new businesses to the area

Economic boost

Develop a mentoring program linking students with business owners

Parenting classes

Easier access to continuing education

Assign small business advocate to area

Partner with the community

Keep library on the mailing list

More internships