

## North Central P-16 Council

### Minutes

July 18, 2014

#### PRESENT:

Jennifer Brown	Charles Lea	George Pimentel
Paige Brown	Don Long	Patty Powell
Linda Cash	Hilary Marabeti	Wolfgang Roeder
Jennifer Cothron	Eric Marvin	Michael Torrence
Renee Dauer	Brandy Parker McFadden	Judy Schuelke
Jerry Faulkner	Rob McFadden	Steve Sparks
Phyllis Foley	Jane McGuire	Jerry Spivey
Mike Fussell	Sherry Mitchell	Michael Torrence
Billy Geminden	Rick Parrent	Tami Wallace
Denise Geminden	Brenda Payne	Annette Wagner
Dave Gould	Mae Perry	Ellen Zinkiewicz
Jimmy Johnston	Karen Petty	

#### Union University Guests

Dr. Dub Oliver, President

Dr. Ralph Leverett, Professor, Department of Education

Sherry Russell, Program Coordinator for Ed.D. and Ed.S. Programs/Assistant Registrar, Hendersonville Campus

Robin Lawson, Coordinator of Continuing Studies and Master's Program in Education

Cathy Wright, Coordinator, Undergraduate Nursing, Hendersonville Campus

#### Guest Speaker

Mike Krause, Executive Director, Tennessee Promise/Drive to 55, Office of the Governor

#### BUSINESS:

Dr. Faulkner called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

The minutes of the April 4, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Jimmy Johnston, second by Rick Parrent, the minutes were approved.

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Exploration Fair

Rick Parrent gave an update on the planning progress for the Fair. The next planning committee meeting is on August 21 in the Betty Gibson Conference Room at 11:00 am. The Fair will be held at VSCC on May 14, 2015.

#### Award for Business and Industry Partners

Hilary Marabeti provided a handout concerning the requirements and deadlines for the Businesses Empowering Students and Teachers (BEST) Award. The Council will award five Best Awards annually, one in each of the counties served by the North Central P-16 Council. (*Handout attached*)

### Union University

The meeting was hosted by Union University Hendersonville Campus. Charles Lea welcomed the Council and introduced the new Union University President, Dr. Dub Oliver.

### Drive to 55/Tennessee Promise

Mike Krause presented a PowerPoint of an overview regarding the Tennessee Promise and the Drive to 55 Initiatives. *A copy of the presentation has been posted to our blog: <http://blogs.volstate.edu/p16/>*

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

*Next meeting: October 17, 2014, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Volunteer State Community College/Rochelle Center*

# **North Central P-16 Council**

## **Businesses Empowering Students and Teachers (BEST) Award**

The North Central P-16 Council is pleased to announce the inaugural BEST (Businesses Empowering Students and Teachers) Awards.

The vision of the North Central P-16 Council is to promote the relationship between education and the value of work, develop a highly trained workforce, and create a culture of lifelong learning by positively impacting student success through awareness, advocacy, and action. The Council brings together stakeholders from the private and public sectors to accomplish those endeavors.

The BEST Award celebrates the accomplishments of community leaders and supporters, business owners, and entrepreneurs who tirelessly forge paths that initiate and reinforce improvements to strengthen connections by providing human, physical, and fiscal resources, sharing knowledge and expertise, and advocating and fostering needed improvements for student success in Pre-K through postsecondary education.

### **Award Eligibility**

The Council will award five BEST Awards annually, one in each of the counties served by the North Central P-16 Council. Public and private businesses or individuals who work for an employer in Macon, Robertson, Sumner, Trousdale, and Wilson counties may be nominated or may self-nominate.

### **Nomination Deadlines**

Notice will be distributed in early June with a July 7 deadline for submission of nominations. Notice will include a link to the nomination form which may be submitted electronically or in hard copy format.

### **Process**

From the list of nominations submitted, an internal committee of North Central P-16 members will verify all eligible nominees. The North Central P-16 Council membership will vote on the most deserving nominee from each of the five counties.

### **Recognition of Award Recipients**

The recipients of the BEST Awards will be recognized at the October North Central P-16 Council Meeting.