

North Central P-16 Council

Minutes

October 17, 2014

PRESENT:

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| Tim Amyx | Phyllis Foley | George Pimentel |
| Carol Bazenet | Margot Fosnes | Patty Powell |
| Tony Boles | Jimmy Johnston | Wolfgang Roeder |
| Jennifer Brown | Ashley Kyler | Judy Schuelke |
| Paige Brown | Charles Lea | Emily Short |
| Linda Cash | Hilary Marabeti | Steve Sparks |
| Kevin Cook | Reggie Mudd | Jerry Spivey |
| Jennifer Cothron | Rick Parrent | Tami Wallace |
| Renee Dauer | Brenda Payne | John Watz |
| Jerry Faulkner | Karen Petty | |

Netherlands Faculty Guests

Els Bartelds, Teacher, ROC van Twente
Martin Lugers, Civics Teacher, Deltion College
Albertien Parlevliet, ROC Midden Nederland, Welzijn College

BEST Awards Recipients

Rob DeBerry, Realizing Robertson's Future (unable to attend - Margot Fosnes accepted award on his behalf)
Abe Gaskins, MGM Industries
Glenn Haynes, Trousdale Bank and Trust
Royce Slaven, Orchid International
Nancy White, North Central Telephone Cooperative

Guest Speakers

Jeff Fields, Chief Information Officer, Servpro Industries
Bryan Huddleston, President/CEO, Nashville Technology Council
John Kepley, President/CEO, Teknetex
Nancy White, President/CEO, North Central Telephone Cooperative

BUSINESS:

Linda Cash called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

The minutes of the July 18, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Charles Lea, second by Brenda Payne, the minutes were approved.

BEST Awards for Business and Industry Partners

The recipients of the BEST (Businesses Empowering Students and Teachers) Awards were recognized for their accomplishments as community leaders and presented with a crystal trophy. The Council will award five Best Awards annually, one in each of the counties served by the North Central P-16 Council.

IT Workforce Panelist

Jeff Fields, Bryan Huddleston, John Kepley, and Nancy White shared information concerning the IT industry workforce.

Discussion included:

- Reaching out to the school systems to make a connection
- Long term relationships to promote jobs
- Job Shadowing
- The need to begin teaching the importance of Math in elementary school
- The importance of better relationships between Industry and Education
- Generation Gap

They all agree on the challenges of hiring/maintaining new employees. The most lacking are soft skills, reliability, and commitment.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Next meeting: January 16, 2015, 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.