

North Central P-16 Council

Minutes

July 15, 2016

PRESENT:

Ashley Aldridge	Jerry Faulkner	Rick Parrent
Patty Anderson	James Fenton	Wolfgang Roeder
Michelle Barnett	Margot Fosnes	Marla Rye
Howard Bradley	Amanda Foster	Clint Satterfield
Jennifer Brezina	Kathy Gunn	Mike Shackelford
Paige Brown	Audrey Harrington	Steve Sparks
Randy Campbell	Kathleen Hawkins	Bethany Sullivan
Jason Coons	Jimmy Johnston	Lori Thomas-Recorder
Jennifer Cothron	Charles Lea	Michael Torrence
Carla Cushman	Hilary Marabeti	Tami Wallace
Michelle Darnell	Kelly Miller	John Watz
Mike Davis	Karen Mitchell	Nina Williams
Kay Dayton	Reggie Mudd	Toby Woodmore
Lisa Dickson	Kim Myers	

Business

Dr. Faulkner called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Dr. Lea asked the blessing prior to lunch. Following lunch Dr. Lea offered a greeting from Union University, giving the following update: The Hendersonville campus is in its 9th year, the 5th year in the current building, having graduated 600 students. In 2017 Union will be expanding the nursing program by developing a traditional 2 year program. They recently admitted their fifth Leadership Academy from Sumner Co. schools, and look forward to partnering with both VSCC and Welch College in the future.

Dr. Faulkner: The minutes from the April 8, 2016 meeting were approved with a motion from Michael Torrence, a second from Rick Parrent.

B.E.S.T. Awards: Hilary Marabeti asked all to consider who they might nominate for the 2016 B.E.S.T. award. The nominee should be one who has supported education in your county/community. Nominations are due by Aug. 7 and should be submitted online at the following link:

<http://www2.volstate.edu/research/surveys/P16BestAward/P16BestAward.htm>

8th Grade Career Exploration Fair Update: Dr. Rick Parrent

The May 2016 events held in both Gallatin and Springfield were a great success thanks to the task force. 2600 students and 100 businesses participated at the Gallatin event. The strength of the career fair is the co-op with the schools, making it more than a field trip. Steve Sparks shared about the success of the first Robertson Co. career fair, having 45 businesses represented and 600 students in attendance.

Program: “Best Practices in our K-12 Schools”

Audrey Harrington and Nina Williams gave a presentation on Tennessee Virtual Online School now being offered to students in Wilson County schools. 3-D and Virtual Reality captivates the attention of students and immerses them in content. It is preparing them for the future.

3-D/virtual reality offers, 1) an immersive engagement 2) appeals to multi-learning styles 3) is cool!
The software used is Sensavis 3-D Classroom.

Ashley Aldridge, Principal of Jack Anderson Elementary in Hendersonville gave a presentation on the accredited and certified STEM program at their school, making them one of the top 10 STEM schools in the US. The goal of STEM is to develop literate students who define problems, problem solve, test, and make improvements both individually and in collaborative teams using science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Michelle Darnell, Principal of Westside Elementary in Robertson Co. presented the program she implemented to raise the literacy scores at the school. When she began, 70% of the students were reading below average. After implementing the following practices they have seen stunning improvements.

- 1) Traditional 1 teacher classrooms
- 2) Creative scheduling combined with available resources
- 3) Students grouped by reading levels
- 4) 45 min sessions in guided reading at their level
- 5) Other classmates removed from the class during that time & managed by another teacher
- 6) Content is non-fiction, therefore they learn while reading

Jennifer Cothron and Toby Woodmore gave a presentation on the Instructional Coaching program in Trousdale County. The program is designed as a tool to be used for effective teacher coaching to see what teachers are doing, and what improvements can be made. It is a research based program that is easy to begin. It facilitates more team work between teachers and the central office.

Benefits include:

- 1) More rigor in the classroom
- 2) More engagement
- 3) More test based questions
- 4) More feedback
- 5) Removing fear from formal evaluations

The next meeting will be October 14,2016 at VSCC.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM