

North Central P-16 Council

Minutes

October 14, 2016

PRESENT:

Patty Anderson	Margot Fosnes	Wolfgang Roeder
Carol Bazenet	Amanda Foster	Marla Rye
Howard Bradley	Mike Fussell	Clint Satterfield
Jennifer Brezina	Jordan Gregory	Judy Schuelke
Paige Brown	Kathy Gunn	Royce Slaven
Chris Causey	Sandi Hoff	Steve Sparks
Randy Campbell	Natalie Knudson	Rick Stewart
Jennifer Cothron	Hilary Marabeti	Bethany Sullivan
Carla Cushman	Stephanie Mason	Lori Thomas-Recorder
Randy Davis	Jane McGuire	Michael Torrence
Roger DeVore	Kelly Miller	Tami Wallace
Andrew Dollar	Karen Mitchell	Dennis Wolford
Jerry Faulkner	Kim Myers	Ellen Zinkiewicz
James Fenton	Rick Parrent	
Jeff Fields	Andrea Pickering	
Phyllis Foley	George Pimentel	

Business

Margot Fosnes called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The minutes from the July 15, 2016 meeting were approved with a motion and a second.

8th Grade Career Exploration Fair Update: Clint Satterfield recognized the members of the Career Exploration Task Force, thanking them for their hard work. The vision of the task force is to encourage 8th graders to consider career paths and to begin to make plans before entering high school. The event continues to grow and is now being held in Sumner, Trousdale, Robertson and Macon counties. The next task force meeting will be held on November 9, 2016.

Steve Sparks gave an update on the 2017 Robertson Co. Career Fair which will be held May 18. They are considering asking the Springfield High School culinary class to provide lunch for the career fair vendors.

B.E.S.T Awards Recipients: Steve Sparks introduced the 2016 BEST Award recipients, recognizing them for what they are doing in their respective counties. They are Dennis Wolford, CEO of Macon County General Hospital; Randy Davis, President and CEO of Northcrest Medical Center in Robertson County; Jeff Fields, CIO of Servpro Industries, Inc. of Sumner Co.; Natalie Knudsen, Executive Director of Trousdale Chamber of Commerce; Rick and Debbie Stewart, Owners of Signs Now in Wilson County.

The awards committee members are Hilary Marabeti, Dr. Michael Torrence, Reggie Mudd, and Jimmy Johnston.

B.E.S.T. Presentation with panel discussion and Q & A: Moderated by Dr. Jerry Faulkner

Dennis Wolford: Macon Co. General Hospital is a 25 bed not for profit critical access hospital that employs 125 people. They offer outpatient physical therapy, low dose CT scans, have 4 active physicians, and a wide range of specialist physicians that treat during specialty clinic hours. Their employees include a number of Vol State Allied Health graduates. MCGH actively engages with the local school system. The greatest challenge is that many students leave the community to find employment.

“What would you say to educators?” He commends the relationships between businesses and educators.

Randy Davis: Northcrest Medical Center is a 109 bed not for profit community hospital that employs 720 people in Robertson Co. They offer job shadowing for high school students to give them career exposure as well as networking capabilities. They have a motto of “see one, do one, teach one”.

“What would you say to educators?” Foster good communication. Each needs to know the other’s needs.

Jeff Fields: As the #4 franchise company in the nation, Servpro in Sumner Co. employs 500 people, and has a revenue of 1.7 billion. Mr. Fields, a graduate of community college himself, stresses the importance of school. They offer internships which includes Vol State student interns, bringing them in to build their workforce with plans to hire them.

“What would you say to educators?” Keep doing what you’re doing. Teach soft skills.

Natalie Knudsen: The Hartsville-Trousdale Chamber of Commerce is a member based organization that serves the areas economic development, tourism, and education. The chamber sponsors the Trousdale Career Day which exposes junior and high school students to career possibilities. The relationship with the school system is strong, and the school system is doing well. However, students have little exposure outside of Trousdale Co. Ms. Knudsen sees as the greatest need employees who are reliable and consistent, who have a mindset of coming to work every day.

“What would you say to educators?” Teach soft skills, dress, conversation, prioritization.

Rick Stewart: Signs Now is a sign and graphics franchise store that has been in business for 11 years in Wilson County. They employ a minimum of 5 people and offer paid internships. Their desire is to be instructional, teaching people a skill. Signs Now is involved in Youth Links in the community.

“What would you say to educators?” Students need “coaching”.

Adjourned 12:50