

## North Central P-16 Council

### Minutes

April 7, 2017

#### **PRESENT:**

Tim Amyx	Jerry Faulkner	Candace McQueen
Kim Baker	Margot Fosnes	Karen Mitchell
Carol Bazenet	Kyle Garmon	Reggie Mudd
Stephen Beck	Mark Gregory	Rick Parrent
Shala Curtis	Kathy Gunn	George Pimentel
Renee Dauer	Kevin Harrison	Wolfgang Roeder
Mike Davis	Anthony Holt	Emily Short
Kay Dayton	Jimmy Johnston	Lori Thomas-Recorder
Rod DeVore	Hilary Knudson	Michael Torrence
Lisa Dickson	Bill Locke	Tami Wallace
Andrew Dollar	Hilary Marabeti	

#### **Business:**

The meeting was called to order by Margot Fosnes. Minutes from the January 2017 meeting were approved.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Exploration Fair Update:** Kathy Gunn gave an update on the Robertson County Career Exploration Fair to be held on May 18, 2017, being attended by 800 students, ending at 11:30 and followed by a lunch given for the business vendors, being served by the students. The Sumner, Trousdale, Macon County Career Exploration Fair will be held on Monday, May 15, 2017 on the VSCC Gallatin Campus. Rick Parrent recognized the task force, and presented a video prepared by Ben Bruce of Sumner Co. Schools, that enables vendors to do online orientation. Vendor participants are still needed.

**Spring Job Career Fair:** This event brings at least 1000 visitors to the VSCC Gallatin Campus, and features about 100 employee vendors. It will take place on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

**TETEN:** Tim Amyx shared a handout and gave a brief presentation on Tennessee's Electronic Transcript Exchange Network, which allows free, fast and secure electronic exchange of transcripts between high schools, school districts, and postsecondary institutions.

**Program Presenter:** Dr. Faulkner introduced and welcomed Dr. Candace McQueen, Tennessee Commissioner of Education.

Dr. McQueen's presentation focused primarily on the role of education as part of the pathway to career/jobs. Replacing the "No Child Left Behind Act", which was a federal program, Every Student Succeeds Act- ESSA is a state driven initiative that seeks to hold high schools accountable for producing "ready graduates". Within ESSA is a framework that "provides multiple measures to capture the range of ways schools serve our students, and all schools have the opportunity through rigorous indicator targets to earn an "A"." While the high school graduation rate in TN is high at 88.5%, the challenge is in what happens next. With a prior remediation rate of 62% for those entering into college, standard revisions have begun, aiding in a reduced remediation rate over the last four years.

Sharing her power point, The Measure of School Quality and Student Success, Dr. McQueen discussed the Ready Graduate Indicators for high schools that are being implemented, providing checks for evidence that graduates have demonstrated post-secondary and workforce readiness. The power point presentation is on the P 16 Blog ( <http://blogs.volstate.edu/p16/> ).

Other addressed topics and discussion points were as follows:

- The value of the TCAT's as a job/career pathway
- The need to change the perception of the TCAT
- How to capture the "lost group" of students, which score 15-18 on ACT, and do not consider post-secondary education as an option.
- The need for high school students to hear the practical message of what a job/career will provide, such as rent, car, etc. and post-secondary options that provide the pathway to those practical needs.

The next meeting will be July 14, 2017 at Cumberland University in Lebanon, TN

Meeting adjourned at 12:45