

North Central P-16 Council  
Minutes

October 25, 2019

**Present:**

Tim Altizer	Tim Dowell	Bob Pruitt
Tim Amyx	Shannon Hernandez	Chuck Savage
Kyle Barron	Lindsay Johnson	Judy Schuelke
Howard Bradley	Hilary Marabeti	Emily Short
James Brown	Anne-Marie McKee	Dan Spinella
Jennifer Brezina	Eric Melcher	Michael Towns
Ben Bruce	Barbara Parker	Tami Wallace
Kate Burgun	Susan Peach	Karen Waller
Carla Cushman	Crickett Pimentel	David Williams
Raul Coronado	George Pimentel	

**Guest BEST Award Recipients:**

Mr. James Woodcock, Fleetwood, Accepted by Lindsay Johnston, Macon County  
Mr. Tim Dowell, Electrolux, Robertson County  
Ms. Susan Peach, Sumner Regional Hospital, Sumner County  
Dr. Michael Downs, DVM, Veterinary Services, Trousdale County  
Ms. W. P. Bone III, Wilson County Motors, Wilson County (unable to attend)  
Mr. Bob McDonald, Cedar Stone Bank, Wilson County (unable to attend)

**Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jerry Faulkner. Minutes from the July 26, 2019 meeting were approved with a motion by Tim Amyx and a second by George Pimentel. The minutes were approved unanimously. Dr. Faulkner provided 3x5 index cards and requested suggestions for speakers and/or topics that would be beneficial at future P-16 meetings (to be handed in at the end of the meeting).

**Career Exploration Fair Update:**

Emily Short spoke to the career exploration fair that will be held at Volunteer State Community College on February 21, 2020. Dr. Short introduced Kyle Barron who will be heading this event until the K-12 position is filled. VSCC is working in conjunction with Sumner County Board of Education to provide this event for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to help raise awareness of the relevance of their school studies with employment opportunities in their future. Dr. Short noted the need to recruit vendors to participate in the fair. An assessment will be given to students to help examine their interests, strengths and skills that will aid in recruiting the appropriate vendors.

**B.E.S.T. Awards:**

Hilary Marabeti read the recipient nominations, recognizing their accomplishments as community leaders. Dr. Faulkner presented each recipient with an award.

**BEST Recipient Panel Discussion:**

Dr. Faulkner congratulated and welcomed the recipients and each was given the opportunity to give an overview of their business.

The panel answered 4 questions:

1. What lessons are you trying to teach students you mentor?
  - To help them focus and be consistently working. Work will be rewarded later down the road. If a person knows how to work, they can accomplish most anything they put their mind to.
  
2. What skills do you not see in students?
  - Ability to socially interact with people (look people in the eyes, talk, and shake hands).
  - Time management (be on time and be organized)
  - Interview preparedness
  - Ability to budget their money and learn how to stretch their paycheck
  - A good work ethic
  
3. Comments regarding internship programs?
  - Gives employers and interns a chance to see if they are a good fit before making a commitment
  - Gives employer opportunity to see if the intern is trainable.
  - It is an investment opportunity. Businesses need quality students to train who may later become employed.
  
4. What message do you have for educators?
  - Promote the attitude of servant leadership qualities in students
  - Educate others on what you do, what you need, and reach out for help.
  - Businesses need VSCC and our aggressiveness in the Mechatronics program is appreciated.
  - Offer more opportunities for students who are not interested in a four year degree.

Adjourned 12:50 p.m.

Next P-16 meets January 24, 2020