

North Central P-16 Council

Minutes

April 27, 2018

Present:

Tim Amyx	Richard Driver	George Pimentel
Patty Anderson	Jerry Faulkner	Avery Poor
Kim Baker	Anthony Holt	Clint Satterfield
Carol Bazenet	Jerry Kirkman	Judy Schuelke
Howard Bradley	Bill Locke	Emily Short
Jennifer Brezina	Hilary Marabeti	Zach Skipper
Jessica Buchanan	Karen Mitchell	Tami Wallace
Chris Causey	Debbie Overstreet-	Karen Waller
Rod Devore	Recorder	John Watz
Lisa Dickson	Rick Parrent	

Guest Speakers:

Ms. Lori Bremer, Director HR Training and Development, Dollar General Corporation
Ms. Bethany Mason, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Dollar General Corporation
Ms. Delaine Linville, Assistant Chief of Administration and HR Director TDOT, Tennessee Department of Transportation
Ms. Connie Pimentel, Assistant Director of Admissions, Volunteer State Community College

Business:

The meeting was called to order by Clint Satterfield. Minutes from the January 2018 meeting were approved with a motion and second.

8th Grade Career Exploration Fair Update:

Clint Satterfield:

- Trousdale County will have the 8th graders Career Fair in the fall before registration for high school
- CTE Courses with information handouts and power point presentation
- Students took an interest survey

Emily Short reported on the Career Fair for May 14, 2018

- Packets for parents regarding the Reconnect Scholarships and Dual Enrollment. Will be providing lunch box with snacks and small gifts
- Macon and Trousdale County orientations was a success with 500 students
- Mericorp Business Grant to be continued for 2019 Career Exploration Fair

Dr. Faulkner stated if we get every high school senior to go to Post Secondary we would not meet the goal for Drive to 55. We need to look at more non-traditional groups to help achieve goal heading up with Business and Industry for the TN Reconnect.

Program Presenters:

Lori Bremer, Director HR Training and Development, and **Bethany Mason**, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Dollar General Corporation

- Shared Dollar General store and employee counts along with upcoming additions
- Working on implementation of a tuition scholarship program
- Have 9 University Alliance partners
- Ranked #5 on Training Top 125
- Over 2.5 million training hours in 2017
- Partners Institute selected Dollar General as best relationship with employees and working with Veterans

Delaine Linville, Assistant Chief of Administration and HR Director TDOT

- Cross training staff for summer construction jobs and winter maintenance jobs
- Continued momentum of GED, TN Reconnect and State Fee Waiver programs
- Career Pathway provides 5% pay increase with completion of program
- Partnering with TCAT and VSCC, working on Transportation and Project Mgmt. Certificates

Connie Pimentel, Assistant Director of Admissions VSCC

- TN Reconnect Tuition Free program for adults with no prior associate or bachelor's degree starting Fall of 2018
- Eligibility requirements
- Part of Drive to 55; helping 55% of Tennesseans obtain a college degree or certificate by the year 2025
- Discussed VSCC initiatives for returning students
- VSCC Reconnect Applicant snapshot as of 4/24/18: Avg. Age – 34, % with children – 59%, working full time – 62%, no college experience – 30%

An informative Q & A followed.

The next meeting will be Friday, July 13, 2018, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at Union University.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

