

North Central P-16 Council

Minutes

April 12, 2019

**Tim Altizer
Kyle Barron
Carol Bazenet
Nick Bishop
Jennifer Brezina
Ben Bruce
Sharon Chaney
Carla Cushman
Renee Dauer
Kay Dayton
Margot Fosnes
Mark Gregory
Kathy Gunn
Anthony Holt**

**Diane Hughes
Jimmy Johnston
Greg Kettelman
Rod Kirk
Charles Lea
Jessica Lewis
Bill Locke
Charly Lyons
Eric Marvin
Emily Mitchell
Chase Moore
Bill Moss
Alison Muncy
Jordan Osborne**

**Debbie Overstreet-Recorder
Barbara Parker
Rick Parrent
George Pimentel
Amy Profant
Clint Satterfield
Judy Schuelke
Emily Short
Pam Sieffert
Zach Skipper
William Slater
Sterling Vanderspuy
Tami Wallace
Karen Waller**

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Penny Schwinn, Commissioner of Education

Business:

The meeting was called to order by Margot Fosnes. Minutes from the January 2019 meeting were approved with a motion and second.

8th Grade Career Exploration Fair Update:

Emily Short:

- VSCC to host approx. 500 Trousdale and Macon County 8th grade students on May 13, 2019
- Two sponsors are Tri County Electric and Macon Bank and Trust Co.
- Ben Bruce sending out 8th grade surveys
- 8th graders spoke with faculty and advised in career fields (Macon Cty. 3/27/19 and Trousdale Cty. 4/5/19)
- 8th grade career shadowing

Best Award Nominations:

Hilary Marabeti:

- Will post a link on blog for a business or an individual who exemplify a commitment to and support education
- Nominations for Best Award due in August to be awarded in October

Program Presenter:

Dr. Penny Schwinn, Commissioner of Education

- Dr. Schwinn came from a family of educators
- She cares deeply about students and moving education forward
- Need to strengthen the early education foundation
- Gov. Bill Lee's strategic plan
- Connect and link all areas - rural and large populations
- Student's need foundation in literacy and math
- Student's need to have access to all opportunities

An informative Q & A discussion:

- Teacher pay increases
- Basic education – recruit and retain with compensation structures
- Struggle to retain teachers in rural counties
- Some work with evaluation systems for teachers
- How can we help teachers when they start their career
- CTE help students with road blocks
- 500 students vs 1 counselor – need more counselors
- STEM Accreditation is mostly elementary and middle school – need it in our high schools as well
- Students need to be college ready

The next meeting will be **Friday, July 26, 2019, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at Cumberland University.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm.