

SCHULENBURG CAMPUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 26, 2021

Present: Heather Allbright, Wendy Fietsam, Chris Hooper and Bill Wagner.

Absent: Melissa Dittrich, Kim Newton

Representing Blinn College: Dr. Becky Garlick and Dean Jay Anderson

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wagner.

The Minutes from the February 27, 2020 meeting were approved with motion by Heather A, Second by Wendy F.

The Committee Membership was reviewed. Kim Newton is no longer working for the City of La Grange – she is teaching at LGISD and would like to continue service on the committee. The current officers agreed to continue serving in their current positions: Chair – Bill Wagner, Vice Chair – Chris Hooper, Secretary – Heather Allbright. The need to add a member from Flatonia was discussed. Chris Hooper offered to contact Beverly Ponder with the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce to invite her.

Enrollment Update was presented by Dr. Garlick. The Schulenburg enrollment was down by 33% Fall 2021 for in-person classes. Possible reasons include students taking more online classes due to COVID concerns because students live at home with parents who may be immune compromised. Some students reported the need to work to help the family because parents had lost jobs during the pandemic.

ACCSS Update: Dr. Garlick explained the ACCSS collaboration between Blinn College- Schulenburg Campus and five rural high schools (Columbus, Fayetteville, Flatonia, Schulenburg, Weimar) to share resources and provide more dual credit opportunities and career pathways to students. Participating school districts have less than 15% participation in dual credit classes, and of those only 14% were economically disadvantaged. The collaborative program is designed to increase this number.

Dean Anderson discussed programs in Career and Technology. They are offering programs for high needs jobs according to the Rural Capitol Workforce. Programs include HVAC, Pharmacy Tech, Facilities Maintenance, Game Programming and others. In addition to technical skills they teach “soft skills” that are critical to being a good employee. Many programs offer an Associates Degree and the basics can be taken at the Schulenburg campus.

Mr. Wagner asked if a bus driver program could be developed given the serious shortage of school bus drivers in the area. Mr. Anderson will follow up with Dr. Garlick about that possibility.

Schulenburg Campus events include 911 Day of Service for students, Blood Drive, Czech Classes with 16 credit earning students and 44 non-credit students, Quilt Block class, a CPR Class for Purdue Industries. Upcoming programs include Mosaic art and FFA Leadership.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Wagner at 1:09pm.

AGENDA
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Schulenburg Campus
100 Ranger Drive, Room 120
Schulenburg, Texas

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 12:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bill Wagner

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Becky Garlick

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

A) Review Committee Membership and Elect Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary)

Mr. Bill Wagner

B) Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bill Wagner

C) Student Services Update

Mr. Brent Williford

D) ACCSS Update

Susie Shank, ACCSS Director

E) Campus Events Update

Dr. Becky Garlick

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCUSSION

All

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Elect