

Grant County College Advisory Board Meeting

5/10/2023

12 pm

Grant County ESD Conference Room
835 S Canyon Blvd, John Day, OR 97845

Attendees:

Jesse Schaefer, BMCC Grant County COD Community Coordinator, Board chair
Tammy Krawczyk, BMCC Dean of CTE, Guest
Mark Browning, BMCC President, Guest
Didgette McCracken, OSU Extension Open Campus, Board member
Karen Shelton, Grant Union Principal, Board member
Randy Hennen, Retired educator, Warm Springs Tribe, Board member
Chris Cronin, Retired EOU Center Director, Board member
Kris Beal, Retired educator and administrator, Board member
Ashley Armichardy, EOU, Prior BMCC Grant County, Ex Officio
Lisa Galbreath, Malhuer National Forest, Board applicant
Tory Stinnett, Grant County Economic Development, Board applicant

1. Meeting called to order by Jesse Schaefer at 12:15 pm.
2. Introductions. All attendees introduced themselves including professional background, and board history. Tory Stinnet and Lisa Galbreath attended as guests and potential new board appointees. Tammy Krawczyk and Mark Browning attended from BMCC. Robert Waltenburg and Cam Marlowe were absent.
 - a. Lisa is a customer service staff officer for the Malhuer National Forest and deals with workforce planning and recruitment.
 - b. Tory Stinnett is the Director of Economic Development for Grant County.
 - c. Karen Shelton is a current board member but will be moving out of the area in June so it was discussed that she should resign her position so a replacement can be appointed by the county court at their June meeting.
3. Mark Browning comments. Mark thanked attendees and talked about the importance of getting out into the community to get a feel for what is happening. There is lingering support for higher ed and skepticism about the value of higher ed and return on investment. That said he is optimistic and after 10 years of enrollment decline BMCC has seen growth in enrollment thanks to dual credit program. Some hard budget decisions have also been made which has put the college budget in a better position.
4. Tammy Krawczyk comments. Changing trend in what students want. They prioritize having a marketable skill/trade/job preparedness. Severe aversion to college debt. BMCC can cater to this through partnerships with employers, CTE,

etc.

5. COD Grant County center-

a. What is BMCC GC COD?

- i. Grant county is out of the BMCC taxing district. County pays the college to provide specific services.
- ii. Reviewed COD agreement and budget (attached in packet).
 1. Discussion that in the past the county at times has not wanted to fund the agreement. With pressure they have always continued to fund it.
 2. County is currently in the budget process for next fiscal year.

b. Expectations: What BMCC can/cannot do

- i. "Not a no person." Will try to find a way to meet the needs and requests. Wants transparent communication of expectations. Willing to try new/different approaches.
- ii. What are industry needs in the area? Who are natural partners?
 1. CDL training (needed for industry, schools, People Mover)
 - a. Iron Triangle would be good partner in this
 2. CTE in schools. Karen brought up the obstacle that pay for CTE instructors in schools is about half what they could earn working in the industry. This is also a barrier for business and computer teachers.
 3. Need educators
 4. Healthcare sector. Shortage of workers. Blue Mountain hospital representation on the College Advisory board—Cam Marlowe has been recruited as Ex Officio but unable to attend meeting. Could consider an HR/recruitment representative instead.
 5. Apprenticeships. Needed but difficult given the limited qualified trades people in the area.

6. Board recruitment

- a. Role of board. See COD agreement for outline of board role. Board will continue to meet quarterly, and Jesse will contact the county to correct the website to reflect quarterly meetings.

- b. Process. County Court appoints board members quarterly. Next meeting will be in June. Currently have 2 vacant positions on the board. Appointees need to submit an application prior to that meeting. A recommendation from the board can influence who gets appointed.
 - c. Vote to recommend new members to be appointed by county court.
 - i. Kris B made motion to recommend Lisa Galbreath. Chris C second. Lisa Galbreath vote passed unanimously.
 - ii. Kris B made motion to recommend Tory Stinnett. Chris C second. Lisa Galbreath vote passed unanimously.
7. Priorities for BMCC Grant County discussion
- a. *This discussion happened throughout the meeting and there was not time for a dedicated agenda item.*
8. Grant County Futures Scholarship.
- a. No applications received.
 - b. Vote to extend deadline to end of May. Chris made motion. Karen seconded. Vote passed unanimously.
 - c. If no applications received by extended deadline, hold off till next year.
 - d. Consider an earlier deadline for next year's scholarship (possibly March), before busy end of year schedules kick in.
9. Schedule future meetings
- a. Meetings will be held quarterly
 - b. Future meetings will be scheduled for Wednesdays at 4pm, in August and November. Jesse will set dates and sent out calendar invites.
10. Adjourn.
- a. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.