**The “Roundtable” Roundup**

**Membership Information:**
The updated contact information for Roundtable Participants can be found at www.pasfaa.org/wpacr.

**Attendance:**
There were 42 people in attendance at the July 24, 2018 retreat at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary:

Danielle Ball, La Roche College; Rachael Banks, Penn State; James Bender, CCAC; Cheryl Biggs, NEED; Judy Bookhamer, PSCA; Joanne Borgesi, American Assoc. of Women; Jarrett Boxley, Clarion Univ.; Karina Chavez, PCHE; Janay Coleman, Pittsburgh Promise; Amy Davis, Allegheny Intermediate Unit; Cheryl DePaolis, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; Wendy Dunlap, PHEE; Linda Ebel, Citizens School of Nursing; Denise Fisher, PTC; Jennifer Holbert, Carlow College; Lorrie Johnson-Osho, Grove City College; Shawn Jones, IUP; Ein Kennedy, La Roche College; Amy LaSota, Bidwell Training Center; Melan Leonardo, Penn State Greater Allegh.; Sherryl Lisco, La Roche College; Phil McCaffrey, 3RPrep; Patricia McCarthy, IUP; Mary Jayne McCullough, Global Wordsmiths; Kimberly McCurdy, PHEAA; Kyle Mosley, CCAC; Kimberly Nemec, West Liberty Univ.; Melony Ohalek, Sallie Mae; Shari Payne, Waynesburg Univ.; Tasha Peacock, Univ. of Pittsburgh;

Monika Pugh, Pittsburgh Public Schools; Samantha Rapp, Manchester Craftsman’s Guild; Tracy Riggle Young, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; Karla Romero, Slippery Rock Univ.; Mike Rose, CCAC South; Peggy Schmiedecke, La Roche College; Leyna Steffan, Peters Township High School; Jynhae Tyler, CCAC; Anita Williams, PSU Beaver; Dan Wray, PHEAA; Traci York, Career Training Academy; Michael White, SRU

**Speaker:**

Guest Speaker: Kathleen Ellwood, Cog Coaching and Consulting, discussed the concept of mindfulness and how to utilize mindfulness within your organization and in student interactions. Additional information available at cogcnc.com

- Dr. Kim McCurdy, PHEAA, engaged the group with a “Factfulness Quiz” and discussion of our world view.

- Noe Ortega- Deputy Secretary for the Office of Postsecondary and Higher Education at the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) was unable to attend due to travel issues.

**Old Business:**

**Committee Reports**

**Transition:** The committee will be reporting on the Collegiate Basic Needs Dialogue mini-grant received for the Student Transition Forum held on May 14, 2018, at the AIU3. Students from five secondary schools attended for a total of 32 students. The students had three breakout sessions to choose from throughout the day and lunch was provided utilizing the grant that we
won earlier this year. The grant was also used to purchase “The Missing Semester” books.

**New Business:**

**Collegiate Basic Needs Dialogue** – The 2nd Annual Collegiate Basic Needs Dialogue will be held on October 8, 2018, at Point Park University. Registration information will be available soon. This day is an opportunity to hear from area programs about the issues college students are facing such as food and housing insecurity, mental health/socio-emotional issues, and financial insecurity. Participants will learn about next steps to take, how to evaluate programs for success, and contribute to the conversations. Over 100 individuals from secondary, postsecondary, and community organizations attended last year.

**CollegeBoard Workshop** – the in-person training will be held at RMU on September 14, 2018. Registration is available at [https://counselors.collegeboard.org/professional-learning/workshops](https://counselors.collegeboard.org/professional-learning/workshops)

**National College Access Network (NCAN) Conference** will be held in Pittsburgh – September 24-26. Registration is now open at [https://members.collegeaccess.org/cgi-bin/eventsdll.dll/EventInfo?sessionaltcd=ANNUAL2018](https://members.collegeaccess.org/cgi-bin/eventsdll.dll/EventInfo?sessionaltcd=ANNUAL2018)

**PASFAA Conference:** Will be held at the Penn Stater October 22-24. Registration will be available soon.

**Sallie Mae** Bridging the Dream Scholarship nominations will be available to high school counselors and community organizations starting August 23 – September 22, 2018.

**Future Roundtable Meetings**

- Tuesday, September 11, 2018 – Robert Morris University
- Tuesday, November 13, 2018 – Waynesburg University – Southpointe location