

## **Des Plaines Valley Region Business Committee Mid Year Report 2010-2011**

### **Summer Programs**

Videos were shown from the Heather Sass Training and the Teacher Workplace Experience. Feedback was extremely positive for both programs. Suggestions were given for summer sites.

### **Update of Dual Credit progress**

Karen Bear reviewed the process and showed the materials she is using for the dual credit Marketing and Accounting classes at Elmwood Park. The advantages to the students and the schools were discussed. Peggy Murnighan and Julie Gilbert were on hand to answer questions. It was suggested that the members determine which classes they might want to make dual credit. Since we had done extensive work on articulation, our ladders could be used to determine Triton class links.

Riverside Brookfield is anticipating that their Keyboarding, Excel and Word, Automotive and possibly, Childcare courses will be taught as Dual Credit. Proviso is interested but unsure on which course they will focus. Leyden is working with Triton on their courses.

### **Curriculum Revitalization Workshop**

After the success our CTW (Technology) session last year the committee decided to hold another workshop this year. The event will be hosted at Riverside Brookfield on Thursday, February 17th (note the new date) and open to CTE teachers from the region. Committee members were asked to determine 4-5 participants from their schools. We decided to have fewer topics and more hands-on time to facilitate lesson integration. We will have a mix of speakers including Amber Hopper, the OPRF librarian, who will be presenting material in a 45 minute session.

### **Programs of Study**

We discussed Programs of Study. Elmwood Park is using their Academic Lab Career Clusters project as the focus of their Programs of Study component. Riverside Brookfield suggested that schools utilize the DVR Sequencing Poster that they use as a curriculum guide. Ridgewood uses Career Pathways.

### **Curriculum Sharing**

In September Karen Bear shared a number of International Business activities as well as Entrepreneurship activities and articles. In addition, she shared some Accounting resources and provided links to Accounting lessons and unusual accounting career paths.

At the November meeting Nancy Bardo shared an activity on Trade and Interdependence which she will also send to the schools. In addition, she demonstrated many practical money skills sites which have games for our career areas.

### **Non Traditional Focus**

We revisited WINC to give Anne Cothran feedback as she will be managing WINC this year. We are helping recruit students for this year's WINC.

Karen showed websites that could be used for Non-Traditional focus and reviewed the PowerPoint shown at the Regional Non-Traditional seminar. Other ideas from schools:

- Leyden has a group called TechGurlz.
- Elmwood Park held a Non-Traditional Careers Seminar on November 17th for parents and students.
- Riverside Brookfield has a Career Day. We spent some time talking about how they executed their program.