

**Des Plaines Valley Region
Business Committee
Mid-Year Report 2012-2013**

Summer Programs

Karen reviewed the Heather Sass Training and the Teacher Workplace Experience. Feedback was extremely positive for both programs. Attendees particularly enjoyed the Red Frog Events visit. Dates for 2013 TWE (June 25-26th) were given with a request to share the information with CTE teachers at the area school

Update of Dual Credit progress

We reviewed the policies and process for Dual Credit courses at Triton.

Programs of Study

Each school representative worked on their school Programs of Study template to verify that the succession of knowledge and skills were appropriate for their programs. The electronic versions were then passed on to the respective district ACs.

Workshops

Members are planning to attend the career conference in Madison in February and several members were planning to attend the Connections Conference at Pheasant Run in March. Karen will be presenting VEI during Connections.

Curriculum Sharing

Karen showed her updated Doing Business in the Global Economy project. Barb Burchill will present in November and Debra Ridgner will present in May.

We discussed changes at each school. Lauren Martire shared the progress of the Google Chrome books One-to-One program at Leyden.

Tech Share Workshop

Our fourth annual Tech Share will be hosted at Triton in room M123-A on Tuesday, February 12th and is open to CTE teachers from the region. Committee members brought the names of participants. Currently, there are 22 participants scheduled to attend.

Based on a survey given to 2012 Tech Share participants our main focus will be continuing development of our wiki for the use of area CTE teachers and to enhance individual web sites which we will link from the wiki. Participants are asked to prepare and bring the following with them so they can build the sites:

- Addresses of their favorite websites or links
- At least three lessons and corresponding materials to post
- A paragraph about them
- Their favorite app
- A flash drive

In addition, Mike McGuire of Triton will present information on how to use Twitter and Linked In more effectively as well as information about social media security issues. Other topics include flipped classrooms and sharing of favorite lessons.

Triton Program Changes

Dr. Griffin explained that Triton's Business Advisory Committee was meeting next week but that Triton's main focus is to support high school programs that could provide hours towards certifications for students. Based on that concept we suggested that Leyden's Tech Support class could fit into a program.

Dr. Griffin also stated that Entrepreneurship II will no longer be offered which will affect the Dual Credit for Virtual Enterprise International credit offered at Elmwood Park.

Common Core

Members discussed the Curriculum Revitalization site. New lessons are impressive and tied to Common Core.

Respectfully Submitted,

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