

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

Update of Dual Credit progress

We reviewed the policies and process for Dual Credit courses at Triton. In addition, Dr. Griffin updated us as to changes in the curriculum and offerings at Triton.

Programs of Study

We reviewed the Program of Study website. 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 and will continue to do so.

Workshops

Karen Bear and Lauren Martire attended the Tapestry 3-day workshop in July in order to increase nontraditional enrollment in technology courses. Members attended CABEA in October where Lauren Martire and other Leyden personnel will be presenting information on the One to One initiative. Karen Bear and Lauren Martire attended the 3D Printer seminar for Special Populations at Illinois State in November. Both Elmwood Park and Leyden received a 3-D printer for use in their schools.

Curriculum Revitalization Workshop – Tech Share

In response to the business teachers of the area requests we decided to hold another Tech Share workshop this year on February 20th at Triton College. Twenty area CTE teachers are scheduled to attend. Based on a survey given to 2013 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 or learning management systems which we will link from the wiki. In addition, Mike McGuire of Triton will present additional information about social media. Other topics include using Google applications and Twitter effectively and sharing of favorite lessons.

Curriculum Sharing

Karen shared a number of cooperative learning and interactive strategies that she learned in coursework over the summer. She added practical application lessons to show how they could be utilized. The 3D Printer was demonstrated at the November meeting. Finally Karen explained the Innovators Inc, Entrepreneurial Fair Project between Elmwood Park Business and the John Mills Elementary School 6th grade classes. High School students from Elmwood Park are training 6th graders about starting and running a business. The project is sponsored by a local business. Kathy Peterson showed the promotional video created and used by Riverside Brookfield.

Respectfully submitted,

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