

**Des Plaines Valley Region
Business Committee
Minutes—November 17, 2010
Elmwood Park High School**

The following members were present: Karen Bear, Elmwood Park High School, Lauren Martire, Leyden High School, Nancy Bardo, Oak Park River Forest, Barb Burchill, Proviso West High School, Kathleen Peterson, Riverside Brookfield, Julia Wicklund, Ridgewood, and Julie Gilbert, Triton..

Update of Dual Credit progress

After the Dual Credit process was explained at the last meeting several members of the committee brought the idea back to their schools. 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 Review

We received clarification on 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 Revitalization Workshop

The Curriculum Revitalization Workshop will be hosted at Riverside Brookfield on Thursday, February 17th (note again that we have another new date) and is open to CTE teachers from the region. Committee members were asked to determine 4-5 participants from their schools. We expect 30 people. We are asking each school to identify projects and techniques (primarily technology focused) that are being done particularly well in their schools. We will have a mix of speakers including Amber Hopper, the OPRF librarian, who will be presenting material in a 45 minute session. Additional ideas are:

- Photosynth – possibly Julia Wicklund
- Animoto – Karen Bear
- BrandTags – Karen Bear
- Movie Maker
- Prezi

Karen will take care of the agenda and the speaker management while Kathy will take of site and lunch details. We will have a folder for each participant. The name of the event is TBD.

Non Traditional Focus

We revisited WINC to give Anne Cothran feedback as she will be managing WINC this year. Committee members who have attended noted the following:

- They liked that students could choose from multiple sessions depending on their own interest level.
- The keynote speaker from last year was good but the space was in an open area which was very distracting and the sound system was poor.
- The lunchtime speaker was not as positively viewed. It was felt that her voice was monotone and her message was unclear.
- Some of the rooms were too small. It was suggested that an educated guess of which sessions would be more popular (i.e. forensics, culinary) so that those speakers could be given larger rooms.
- It was also suggested that the timing of the event was an issue as it is near quarter finals for many high schools.

Karen showed websites that could be used for Non-Trad focus and reviewed the PowerPoint shown at the Regional Non-Trad 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.
 - Students register for their choices in advance for seminars. Then they go to the Trade Show floor for visits.
 - Students are given a passport for notes. They visit booths and get it signed. If all requirements are met, they are in a raffle for an iPod.
 - The Marines' booth was popular.
 - They kept the Armed Services and Police booths in the middle which helped with crowd control.
 - Use your Chamber of Commerce for contacts.
 - They provided water and boxes of fudge for the speakers.

Curriculum Sharing

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.

Curriculum Sharing Schedule

- ◆ May – Julia Wicklund

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen B. Bear

Karen Bear
Business Committee Chairperson

Business Committee Meeting Schedule

- ◆ **Thursday, February 17th, Riverside Brookfield – *PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE***
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 11th, Elmwood Park**