

**Des Plaines Valley Region
Business Committee
Minutes—May 10, 2011
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.
Guest: Bill Griffith, Triton

Curriculum Revitalization Workshop – Renamed Tech Share

The feedback from all participants was very positive for our Tech Share held at Riverside Brookfield on February 17th. Topics covered were Sites to Love, Alicia Duell, RB Librarian; Tech Tips and Sites including Animoto, Brand Tags and TED, Karen Bear; PhotoSynth, Julia Wicklund; Game Sites, Nancy Bardo; Careers and More, Marcia Bernas and Toni Wurch. Thanks to Kathy Peterson for hosting the event.

Non Traditional Focus

Feedback from those who attended WINC:

- WINC was much more interactive and student focused.
- The Amazing Race was a wonderful event.
- The prizes were great.
- The students had a set schedule which did not focus on the careers in which the students were necessarily interested. The suggestion was to have the students choose their top three. First schools to register get first choice.
- Include boys and require them to choose at least one area considered non traditional.
- Students who were asked to help sat with the same speaker. We suggest they get to move so they can benefit as well.

Dual Credit – Pathways Program – Accounting focus

Julie Gilbert and Department Coordinator Bill Griffith explained Triton's Pathways Program with an Accounting focus. It is a structured pathway to 30 college credit hours with a specific process and academic plan for students. It will be piloted by Leyden in the Fall of 2011 with 25 students. Courses include Introduction to Business, Financial Accounting, Principles of

Effective Speaking, College Algebra, Introduction to Computer Science, Business Law and Summer Camp activities. Triton wishes to work with the other schools as well.

Curriculum Sharing

Julia Wicklund shared activities and lessons on Stocks and differentiated assessments.

Karen Bear provided information on Elmwood Park's new course, VEI: Virtual Enterprise International in which students create a business and trade/sell with over 3,000 schools internationally.

Karen also shared information about a three day Accounting AP seminar hosted by the Illinois CPA Society in Chicago on August 1-3 for \$100. Graduate credit is also available through Kansas State. This workshop discusses the implementation of The Accounting Bridge and Pilot Program. The pilot is a full-year course, based on approximately 90 contact hours. It is a rigorous, college-level course that emphasizes analytical and decision-making skills, and includes financial accounting, managerial accounting and financial statement analysis concepts. Teachers who attend the training program are expected to begin implementing the entire course or parts of it in the 2011-2012 school year. Schools presently teaching college level accounting courses may implement part of or the entire curriculum within those courses. A pilot examination may be taken for a fee by students who complete the pilot. The data gathered will be used for the College Board presentation in 2012.

Goals for 2011-2012

Goals for the Business Committee were reviewed and revised for next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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