

**Des Plaines Valley Region  
Business Committee  
Minutes—May 2, 2013  
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, Mike Detloff, Proviso East High School, Debra Ridgner, Ridgewood, Mike McGuire, Triton College

### **Tech Share Workshop**

We reviewed the Tech Share evaluations and determined that the event was very successful. Participants scored the event with an average of 9.8 out of 10.

Participants particularly appreciated the presentation by Mike McGuire of Triton who presented information on how to use Twitter and Linked In more effectively as well as information about social media security issues.

The consensus was to continue the event next year.

### **Workshops**

Members reported that the Connections Conference was very productive as well as CABEA. Barb Burchill suggested the use of an online conference site.

### **Triton Program Changes**

Dr. Griffin relayed new information about changes at Triton:

1. Their new Financial Services Certificate featuring 30 credit hours is now available. Two new courses have been added. Personal Finance and Introduction to Commodity Markets. Our Associate in Applied Science Accounting Degree has been changed to Accounting/Finance.
2. The Entrepreneurship Certificate is being revised Entrepreneurship II will be deleted and the material will be rolled into Entrepreneurship I. In addition, a social media class and business law will be added to the certificate...this certificate has scaffolding capabilities with the associate degrees.
3. All accounting and business outlines continue to be updated.
4. New programs under review and research...CPA Pathway Program, Accounting Administer/Bookkeeping Certificate, and a Fast-Track Program for Human Resource Associate Degree.
5. New Offices for Accounting and Business Faculty...which will launch a proposed entrepreneurial partnership agreement with DePaul University is under consideration.
6. A new Full-Time Tenure track Accounting Faculty member will join the team for the fall 2013 semester. Three finalists have been submitted to the administration for consideration.

Mike McGuire explained CIS changes:

7. New courses in Cloud Computing and Virtualization are being offered in the Fall along with Social Media for Business.
8. In the spring, Search Engine Optimization and Analytics will be taught. These courses can lead to certificates.
9. Triton is also moving into Gaming with the intent to tie the courses to a 4-year program in partnership with other schools.

### **Teacher Work Experience**

Members submitted the names of TWE participants from their schools. All 12 slots are filled. TWE is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Opportunities**

*Tapestry Workshop* – Lauren Martire and Karen Bear submitted applications for the Tapestry Workshop. Their acceptance will be confirmed sometime in May.

*Triton Summer Camps* – We promoted the summer camps in our schools.

*Teaching in the Cloud* – the opportunity was presented.

*3D Printing* – information was shared about the 3D Printing seminar

*AP Accounting Pilot* – Members will have the opportunity to attend the pilot/training session in the summer.

### **Curriculum Sharing**

Debra Ridgner shared two marketing simulations with which she has had great success: Teen Entrepreneur and The Dream Team.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bear  
Business Committee Chairperson