

**Des Plaines Valley Region
Business Committee
Minutes—May 9, 2012
Elmwood Park High School**

The following members were present: Karen Bear, Elmwood Park High School, Nancy Bardo, Oak Park River Forest, Kathy Peterson, Riverside Brookfield, Julia Wicklund, Ridgewood.

Conference Recap

Members attended Connections, ICE, CABEA and Heather Sass programs. The programs were discussed.

The Tech Share program was discussed. It was universally agreed that it is our most effective program. We will continue the program next year but will possibly move the event to the fall. We want more time to work on the wiki and websites as well as collaborate.

Teacher Work Experience

Members were asked if they had anyone else interested in the Teacher Work Experience. Nancy Bardo will be attending now. We will be visiting Hammacher Schlemmer in the morning and Red Frog Event in the afternoon.

Programs of Study

Members were given copies of their school's Program of Study to familiarize themselves. Next year we will be reviewing them in terms of course sequence, knowledge and skills.

Update of Triton Programs

Triton is introducing a new Associate Applied Science Degree in Accounting/Finance and a Financial Services Certificate along with two new courses: Personal Finance and Introduction to Commodity Markets. As those certificates are added the Program of Studies will be adapted.

Curriculum Changes for 2012-2013

Members discussed the changes at their schools. Leyden students are being issued Chrome Books as they partner with Google. An additional class called Tech Support Internship will be offered. The students will be the Help Desk for students and teachers while they work towards certifications. They will have a Digital Lit class instead of Computer Literacy. Ridgewood is running a Marketing class.

Goals for 2012-2013

Goals were discussed. In addition to the Program of Study review we plan to continue our curriculum sharing and technical training.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bear
Business Committee Chairperson