

FCS Mid-Year Report

By
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1. Culinary Meeting – October 6, 2011 at Triton College

Members Present: Chef Denise (Triton), Ched Pagata Khan (Triton), Pam Erickson (Oak Park River Forest), Jesukaitis, (Proviso West), Jen Miller (Proviso East), Nichole Sweeney (Leyden), Valarie Berger (Leyden)

- a. The meeting was held at Triton College – HIA dining room. Attendees had lunch in the Triton dining room and were able to observe HIA students in class. Our thanks to Chef Denise and her students for an excellent lunch.
- b. Chef Denise also discussed the new beverage management certificate. This certificate is available to students 21 years of age or older. The certificate will include the food managers certificate and the Basset Certification.
- c. Chef Denise presented the Culinary Pathway of Study. The members present suggested that high school culinary classes be added to the grid. Everything else looked great. Chef Denise will update the grid and send it to Valarie Berger for distribution.
- d. Triton's Annual Teen Chef Cook-off: The group discussed the Triton cook-off, and Ched said they will again run in the spring. The event will most likely be the first Saturday in May. The group will in agreement that the event is a very positive experience for the students and high school instructors.
- e. The group also discussed Leyden's coffee bar. Other schools were brainstorming different ways to incorporate a business into their culinary programs.
- f. The group also discussed food vendors and different ways to order lab supplies for their classes. GFS, Fox River Foods, and Jewel were options with various ways of making these work for their districts.

2. Child Care Meeting – November 3, 2011 at Triton College

Members Present: Mary Rinchiuso (Triton), Jen Maldonado (Leyden), Eileen Falls (Leyden), Patty Heidel (Proviso East), Valarie Berger (Leyden)

Schools Absent: Proviso West, Elmwood Park, Oak Park River Forest, Ridgewood, Riverside-Brookfield

- a. Triton Update
 - i. Mary Rinchiuso discussed the basic skills test which is required for all education students. The AAS and ECE students may take the test after they transfer to National Lewis University. The AAT students take the test before they transfer to a 4 year college. Northern Illinois University and Southern Illinois University are accepting the AAT degree, which includes the basic skills test.
 - ii. The college students are struggling with the basic skills test in the areas of reading, writing, and math. Triton is offering study classes for the basic skills test to help the students prepare for the test.
- b. Dual Credit
 - i. Mary Rinchiuso discussed the dual credit courses offered at Triton. The dual credit classes include
 1. ECE 110: Early Child Development
 2. ECE 111: Intro to Early Childhood Education
 - ii. High school instructors who would like to teach dual credit courses must have a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education or a Master's Degree plus 15 graduate credit hours in Early Childhood Education.

- c. Program of Study
 - i. Attendees worked on developing a program of study for ECE.
 - ii. Draft of mission statement/pathway:
 - 1. To develop graduates who have a passion for education and children that are successfully prepared for the workforce or an advance degree; who also exhibit a professional disposition, strong work ethics, proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics and are lifelong learners.
 - 2. Students will take the following courses while in high school:
 - a. Human/Child Development – 1 year
 - b. Preschool Course
 - c. Teaching Course
 - d. Mary Rinchiuso will work on the Triton College portion of the pathway.
- d. Summer 2012
 - i. Mary shared that Triton will be offering a summer camp as part of the DVR camps.
 - ii. High school students will be able to observe in the lab school, create hands-on materials, and interact with children.
 - iii. Sign-up will be online through the DVR website.
- e. 2012/2013 School Year
 - i. Triton would like to do another early childhood seminar in the spring of the 2012/2013 school year.
 - ii. Triton would like to bring in a keynote speaker on literacy/storytelling.
 - iii. Funds will be requested through DVR to cover the keynote speaker and other seminar expenses.

3. Interior Design Meeting – December 8, 2012 at Triton College

Members Present: JoBeth Halpin (Triton), Jen Miller (Proviso East), Dana Dismeier (Leyden), Marissa Kimzey (Leyden), Valarie Berger (Leyden)

- a. The meeting was held at Triton College – room M150 from 1p – 3p on December 8, 2012. JoBeth discussed some of the certificate programs that will still be available at Triton such as kitchen and bath. The interior design degree will no longer be offered at Triton, but students can take their general requirements and basic classes before transferring to another junior college, such as C.O.D., to finish their degree.
- b. The remainder of the meeting was collecting supplies for the high school programs. JoBeth had a vast amount of interior design supplies that she was donating to the high school programs. Teachers may go back for more supplies by emailing JoBeth at jhalpin@triton.edu to set up a time.
- c. The high schools are most thankful for the donation of supplies. This will save the instructors time and money, and it will help them expand the scope of their classroom projects. Thanks JoBeth and Triton College!

4. Future meeting

- a. Allied Health/Medical Careers: February 13, 2012 at Triton College
- b. Currently RSVP to attend are Proviso East, East Leyden, and West Leyden

CULINARY PATHWAYS OF STUDY

Note: *Italic* courses indicate Triton equivalent courses

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