

# DVR Meeting

## May 8, 2013

### Culinary

Members Present: Chef Denise Smith-Gaborit (Triton), Pat Plack-Martul (Proviso East), Connie Jesukaitis (Proviso West), Patti Farlee (Riverside Brookfield), Meghan Thomas (Proviso East), Nichole Sweeney (Leyden), Valarie Berger (Leyden)

#### 1. AAFCS Certification

- a. Teachers researched the AAFCS Certification. Information may be found at [www.aafcs.org/CredentialingCenter/PrePac.asp](http://www.aafcs.org/CredentialingCenter/PrePac.asp)
- b. "Pre-Pac is a premier national assessment and certification program providing an integrated system that recognizes individual competency achievement and builds value of programs through accountability, articulation possibilities, and business/industry recognition."
- c. Certification is available in the following areas:
  - i. Broad Field Family and Consumer Science
  - ii. Culinary Arts
  - iii. Early Childhood Education
  - iv. Education Fundamentals
  - v. Family and Community Services
  - vi. Fashion, Textiles, and Apparel
  - vii. Food Science Fundamentals
  - viii. Housing and Furnishings
  - ix. Interior Design Fundamentals
  - x. Nutrition, Food, and Wellness
  - xi. Personal and Family Finance
- d. Competency lists may be found at [http://www.aafcs.org/CredentialingCenter/Assessment\\_Portfolio.asp](http://www.aafcs.org/CredentialingCenter/Assessment_Portfolio.asp)
- e. Students take a rigorous competency exam. Once they have passed the test, they earn the certification for the respective area.
- f. Schools must apply to become a testing site. There is no cost to be a testing site. Instructions to become an approved site are on page 2 at [http://www.aafcs.org/res/Credentialing/prepac/AdminGuides/12-13 Administrative Guide to Test Site Approval.pdf](http://www.aafcs.org/res/Credentialing/prepac/AdminGuides/12-13_Administrative_Guide_to_Test_Site_Approval.pdf)
- g. Tests cost \$25/test or \$40/2 tests. Many students pay \$40/2 tests, and use the first test as a pre-test. Second test must be completed prior to the end of the school year.
- h. Study guides are available on the aafcs.org website.
- i. The group discussed ideas for this to be an independent study class or implementing some of the competencies into the curriculum.
- j. For further information, contact Lori Myers at 703.706.4600 or [Lmyers@aafcs.org](mailto:Lmyers@aafcs.org)
- k. Val will look into the possibility of funding of exams through Perkins.

#### 2. Illinois Food Handling License

- a. Val informed the group that DVR cannot subsidize the certification of teachers for the Illinois Food Handling License.
- b. The group requests that DVR allow them to do their renewal of their license in the DVR class.
  - i. There is no cost to DVR for this process.
  - ii. Teachers simply need to observe in the class for 5 hours on the first day of the class.
  - iii. Teachers would only be permitted to do this, if there was available room in the class.