

DVR Meeting

November 20, 2013

Child Care

Members Present: Mary Rinchiuso (Triton), Jen Maldonado (Leyden), Alicia Kadlitz(Leyden), Kathy Cunningham (Triton), Valarie Berger (Leyden), Kathleen Peterson (Riverside Brookfield), Georgina Roney (Proviso West)

1. Programs of Study Update

- a. Val Berger demonstrated the Programs of Study website to the group, and we spent some time exploring the website.
- b. Teachers felt the site would be a great tool in the classrooms and in course planning.
- c. The website url is <http://dvr-efe.info/>

2. Gateways to Opportunity: Level 1 ECE Credentials

- a. Eileen Falls, Jen Maldonado, Kathleen Peterson, and Patti Farlee all attended the Level 1 ECE Credentialing Seminar.
- b. This level involves 48 hours of observations in addition to online tutorials that will prepare the student for work in this field.
- c. The process involves a fair amount of paperwork to organize and set-up the system for your district.
- d. Currently, Leyden High Schools are planning to implement the credentialing into an advanced level independent study class.
- e. Gateways also offers scholarships to students.

3. Summer Camps

- a. The group discussed the possibility of offering a child care summer DVR camp. Teachers felt it would be well received.
- b. The camp would include a make and take project as well as observation hours in the daycare facility at Triton.

4. ACT/Basic Skills Information

- a. Education students must pass the Basic Skills Test, known as TAP. (Test of Academic Proficiency)
- b. Students may also use their ACT score in lieu of the TAP, if they scored a 22 or higher. Students must have also done the writing portion of the ACT in order to use it to replace the TAP.
- c. Using the ACT may be easier for students to use, since the TAP is limited to 5 attempts.
- d. Triton does offer review sessions for the TAP.

5. National Louis Programs

- a. Along with the degree that leads to a state teaching license in ECE, National Louis offers a 4 year degree program in ECE that does not lead to a state teaching license.
- b. This allows graduates to teach or direct in a daycare facility, but they are not permitted to teach in the public schools which require a state teaching license.

6. Degree Completion

- a. Triton has articulation agreements for degree completion with Kendall and National Louis.
- b. National Louis may offer classes at Triton if there are at least 12 students in that cohort for the class to run. If there are less than 12, students will need to finish their degree at National Louis.