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DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION (DVR) ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL DECEMBER 9, 2010

MINUTES

Dr. Anne Cothran called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Administrative Council to order at 8:04 a.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2010 in Library Classroom C at East Leyden High School. In attendance: Dr. Fran Brady (Leyden Dist. 212), Dr. Mikkel Storaasli (Leyden Dist. 212), Ms. Toni Wurch (Elmwood Park Dist. 401), Ms. Amy Hill (Oak Park & River Forest Dist. 200), Mr. Ed Moyer (Proviso Dist. 209), Mr. Steve Silca (Ridgewood Dist. 234), Ms. Patty Sarkady (Riverside-Brookfield Dist. 208), Ms. Antoinette Baldin (Triton College), Dr. Susan Collins (Triton College), Ms. Mary-Rita Moore (Triton College), Dr. Anne Cothran (DVR), Ms. Denise Yaneck (DVR).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Baldin moved, Dr. Brady seconded the motion to approve minutes of the November 4, 2010 meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

NON-TRADITIONAL PARTICIPATION INITIATIVE

Ms. Wurch reported that Elmwood Park hosted a parent night in November in which the focus was non-traditional careers. The event utilized a great amount of information obtained from Lynn Reha. A team from Elmwood Park created the meeting curriculum. Parents had very positive reactions. Dr. Cothran reported on her attendance at the counselor meeting at Oak Park & River Forest High School that was conducted by Ms. Reha. Other DVR schools were in attendance as well, and Dr. Cothran requested that Council members provide her with a list of attendees from their schools because the Board of Control has requested that information. Dr. Cothran also reported that in March a meeting will be held that will also focus on non-traditional careers; more information will be provided at a later date.

TRITON UPDATE ON H.S. REQUESTS FOR DUAL CREDIT

Elmwood Park is participating in dual credit. Accounting 101 is expected to be offered in the spring. Riverside-Brookfield has submitted requests for Auto, Business, Computers, and Visual Communication; Triton is reviewing curriculum and will request teacher credentials. Ms. Baldin will be visiting Proviso to discuss high school dual credit options there. Triton has received grant funds to develop career pathways, and they expect to develop pathways in the areas of Culinary, Allied Health, Nursing, Architecture, and Early Childhood Education. Dr. Brady stated the need to set parameters for what these programs should look like and the need for broad programs of study areas with specific areas identified under each. Dr. Cothran suggested that, for the February meeting, the Council will discuss this topic further, and Council members are to bring samples of templates to show. Ms. Moore reported that students are registering for spring dual credit classes at this time. She added that when dual credit is conducted at the high schools there is no cost to the students. Ms. Sarkady asked if anyone has a write-up about dual credit that they use in their curriculum guides.

DVR REGIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Dr. Cothran thanked Council members for submitting information about their districts' clubs, events and student competitions. It is requested that event start and end times be identified. The regional events calendar was shared at the STEM Advisory meeting and is intended to help get the advisors involved in the activities of the schools.

STEM ADVISORY MEETING DEBRIEFING

Dr. Cothran will e-mail everyone the results of the evaluations as well as the notes pages from the small group breakout sessions. She will implement a plan to follow-up on the suggestions that came out of the breakout sessions. Reactions from participants were very positive. Ms. Hill noted that it was great to see a wide range of business/industry and education. Ms. Sarkady reported that the representatives from her school were not CTE persons and it was important for them to attend because they were from areas outside of CTE but want to become involved in programs of study. Her principal has requested that RB's representatives talk to the district's leadership council. Ms. Baldin stated that it was a good networking event and noted that Illinois has a very aggressive plan with STEM that will take time to implement.

OCTOBER 2011 SCHOOL/COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP TOPIC

At their meeting yesterday, the Board received options for the workshop including lunch selections. Ms. Moore stated that she has spoken with Triton's research department to provide schools with data on their students, specifically data from the Compass test. A request was made to see a sample of the Compass test. Ms. Moore invited the Council members to go to Triton and take the test. A sample is available online at the ACT web site; this will suffice for providing an example for Council members to view. Dr. Cothran asked Council members how they want to use their A.C. meeting time, and suggested inviting the ACT representative to the February meeting for planning. The Administrative Council agreed that the workshop's presenter from ACT should be involved in planning the agenda.

CURRICULUM REVIEW

The Family & Consumer Science committee reviewed curriculum in the program areas of Child Care, Interior Design, and Culinary. No recommendations for changes were made. Only the sign-off forms were submitted. Dr. Cothran will contact Val Berger regarding the fact that Triton wants to discuss programs of study development with the FCS committee, reviewing Culinary and Early Childhood Education.

DVR WEB SITE UPDATE

Dr. Cothran has recreated the DVR web site. She provided a preview which was also provided to the Board at their meeting yesterday. It is hoped that the site will be live before winter break. Dr. Brady suggested having some type of annual competition for students, and through the competition students would be prompted to visit DVR's site. Dr. Cothran noted that the site is designed for DVR members and partners.

CAREER POSTERS UPDATE

The DVR office ordered and received posters from Relevant Classroom which schools had requested in advance. These posters reflect programs of study with career clusters and are approved by the National Association of State CTE Directors for guidance activities related to promoting enrollment in career pathways. All Council members took their school's allotment of posters as is; none requested that they be mounted on additional material.

ENCUMBERED FUNDS

Second quarter Encumbered Funds forms are due by December 16th. The DVR office will be filing the second quarter expenditure report on the 16th due to winter break.