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DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION (DVR)
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 24, 2011

MINUTES

Dr. Anne Cothran called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Administrative Council to order at 8:17 a.m. in Room 143 at Ridgewood High School. In attendance: Dr. Fran Brady (Leyden Dist. 212), Ms. Toni Wurch (Elmwood Park Dist. 401), Ms. Amy Hill (Oak Park & River Forest Dist. 200), Ms. Sarah Roodhouse (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), Mr. Tim Scanlon (Riverside-Brookfield Dist. 208), Ms. Antoinette Baldin, (Triton College), Dr. Susan Collins (Triton College), Ms. Antigonne Sharris (Triton College), Dr. Anne Cothran (DVR), Ms. Denise Yaneck (DVR), Ms. Deb Fitzgerald (ACT).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Baldin moved, Dr. Brady seconded the motion to approve minutes of the December 9, 2010 meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

WATER BOTICS

Ms. Sharris presented Water Botics for which Triton has a three-year grant. A summer program is being offered in July for teachers who want to integrate STEM curriculum into their high school curriculum. The program is open to all teachers, not just those in CTE. Fliers were distributed. Two robots were displayed as examples of the project students will work on. The 30-hour curriculum is modular and does not have to be done all together. The goal is that the program will be implemented for five years. In the first year, the high school will be given a loaner kit containing 20 robots for 20 students. The loaner kit is to be returned after the first year and then the school will purchase their own kit at a cost of \$3,800.

DUAL CREDIT

Ms. Baldin presented a change in the dual credit courses offered in Criminal Justice. Currently Triton offers CJA 111 – Introduction to Criminal Justice, CJA121 – Introduction to Corrections, CJA148 – Police/Community Relations, and CJA161 – Administration of Justice.

Beginning Fall 2012, Triton will offer the following: CJA148 – Police/Community Relations, CJA166 – Criminal Investigation, CJA171 – Patrol Administration, and CJA241 – Traffic Enforcement and Administration.

Dr. Cothran moved, Dr. Brady seconded the motion for Ms. Baldin to take the above noted courses to the Board of Control for approval. All ayes; motion carried.

High schools are to provide Ms. Baldin with information about any dual credit courses they want to offer at their high schools in the fall.

TRITON ENROLLMENT DATA

Information was distributed.

SCHOOL/COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP

Ms. Deb Fitzgerald, ACT Midwest Manager, was present to collaborate with the Council in planning the October 2011 workshop. She provided an overview of ACT and the diagnostics offered. Compass Test booklets were distributed. The Compass is an adaptive, untimed test. Discussion/suggestions included the following.

ACT's goal is for students to be ready for post-secondary education, education in general, and ready for the workforce.

ACT's national curriculum survey can be viewed online.

KeyTrain is now an ACT partner.

A request was made to see sample problems from the Compass Test.

Look at the broader context of test questions (see problems from Compass Test and comparable problems from ACT Test).

Include an overview of the Compass Test (what it is, how it is used, kinds of skills students need to be successful).

Everyone should experience the Compass Test; it could be taken prior to the workshop; limited Internet access at Brookfield Zoo will not permit everyone to access the test that day; the test could be projected for all to see, with hard copies of samples items.

The Compass is used primarily by community colleges, but there are many four-year institutions using it.

Discussion component of the workshop: Divide participants by curricular areas or by district; use school specific data from Triton (i.e. students who need remediation, etc.); work backward from the data to determine what schools need to do to improve so that students are successful in transitioning from high school to Triton and beyond.

Data is needed on where our students go after high school. Can Triton provide data on program areas our students go into?

Ask Mary-Rita Moore, Dean of Enrollment Services, to speak briefly about the Compass. Ms. Baldin and Dr. Collins will work on what Triton representatives will discuss or do in their breakout group.

Debrief at the end of the workshop to share the ideas groups have developed.

In advance, districts should do internal surveys to get input and prepare for the workshop which will be a time of articulation between the high schools and Triton.

Participants will include superintendents, Administrative Council members, program committee chairpersons, college deans/program coordinators/chairpersons, principals, assistant principals, counselors, and other district representatives.

Possible structure of the day:

8:30 to 10:15 – ACT presentation

10:15 – Break

10:30 to Noon – Curricular breakout groups

Noon – Lunch including Partnership Awards presentations

1:00 to 3:00 – Breakout groups

3:00 – End time

For breakout groups, Ms. Fitzgerald will provide the national curriculum survey and Entering Student Data Reports (ESDR).

Dr. Cothran asked for teams to work on developing a standard set of questions that all schools will address. It was agreed that Council members will forward to Dr. Cothran two items of critical importance to their districts with regard to transition without remediation. She will compile the list. This is to be done by the end of March and will be on the April 7th Administrative Council agenda.

TRITON/DVR PROGRAMS OF STUDY UPDATE

Dr. Brady stated that Leyden is looking at programs of study and offering students opportunities at the high school level for transition to the community college. She will share a template the district has developed. Triton, Leyden, and advisory committee representatives have collaborated on a pathway for Accounting. CIS101 will be offered in a virtual environment. Leyden will have nine CTE teachers credentialed as Blackboard instructors. Ms. Baldin stated that she wants to have all schools' Business Education representatives see the Leyden template to determine if they are interested in this pathway. This will be shared at the Business Education Committee's meeting in May. Dr. Collins can be contacted if schools want to be part of the development of the Allied Health pathway of study. A pathway in Culinary is being worked on, and Denise Smith-Gaborit is Triton's contact person. Representatives in Visual Communications are looking to develop this area, and Lorette Dodt is Triton's contact. Schools should contact Ms. Baldin if they are interested in additional programs of study development.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MID-YEAR REPORTS

Reports from each program committee were distributed. For the next meeting, Council members were asked to bring recommendations for next year's committees' activities.

MISCELLANEOUS

Triton will hold the second annual culinary competition on May 7th.