

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION
MAY 1, 2008

MINUTES

Ms. Karen Schmidt called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Administrative Council to order at 8:18 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2008 in the Alumni Lounge at Riverside-Brookfield High School.

In attendance:

Elmwood Park: Mr. Pete Binder

Oak Park-River Forest: Ms. Amy Hill

Proviso: Mr. Kyle Hastings

Ridgewood: Ms. Jennifer Buteyn

Riverside-Brookfield: Ms. Patty Sarkady

Triton: Ms. Cheryl Antonich, Ms. Mary-Rita Moore

DVR: Ms. Karen Schmidt, Mr. Don Lund, Ms. Denise Yaneck

Program Chairpersons: Ms. Val Pozen, Mr. Joe Stolz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Hill moved, Ms. Buteyn seconded the motion to approve minutes of the April 10, 2008 meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS

Family & Consumer Science: Ms. Val Pozen distributed a report, reviewed meetings and accomplishments, and highlighted activities including four expos. (See attachment #1.)

Industrial Technology: Mr. Joe Stolz distributed a report and reviewed accomplishments. (See attachment #2). New articulation agreements are being developed in visual communication.

The AutoDesk Design Academy software license is up for renewal. Options include the following.

Aidex Corporation is now promoting a different suite of products, The CAD Academy, which is not industry level and would require instructors to be trained on the new software. AutoDesk remains the industry standard. Also, current articulation agreements would not fit with the content of this software. This is not a viable option for the high schools, and it may even require consideration of new hardware that would be compatible with The CAD Academy.

Master Graphics and Imaginit are both authorized AutoDesk resellers, offering identical pricing of \$4,995. Both offer support, unlimited licensing, and server vs. stand-alone

options. Master Graphics charges \$350 per teacher for training sessions. Imaginit allows teachers to attend training sessions at no cost.

Mr. Stolz stated that he will explore whether Triton can extend their contract down to the high schools.

Ms. Buteyn moved, Ms. Hill seconded the motion to pursue renewing the AutoDesk license with Imaginit and to request a training session at the beginning of the fall semester. All ayes; motion carried. The DVR office will contact Imaginit representative Matt Zoccola to work out purchasing details in order to provide the software upgrade to the schools in advance of the fall semester.

Ms. Moore requested that Mr. Stolz explore VIC dual credit courses.

FY09 MEETING DATES

Mr. Binder moved, Ms. Moore seconded the motion to approve the following meeting dates for the 2008-09 school year: Sept. 4 (inservice), Sept. 25, Oct. 9 (workshop), Nov. 6, Dec. 11, Feb. 5, Mar. 12, Apr. 16, May 7, and May 28. All ayes; motion carried.

GRANTS

Partnership for College and Career Success (PCCS): This is the former Tech Prep grant. Council members are to submit the Components pages of the grant by next Wednesday. As a four-year plan, activities must include an expected year of completion. Implementation Grant guidelines and applications will be e-mailed to Council members; the focus is on development of career pathways. Implementation Grant proposals are due May 16th. Districts must submit to the DVR office the names of PCCS team members.

Final reports: For the CTEI, Carl Perkins, and Tech Prep grants, districts must provide outcome statements for the activities of each grant. Final reports must be submitted for the FY08 Implementation Grants.

Amendments: The deadline for amendments to FY08 grants is May 16th.

DUAL CREDIT

Ms. Moore distributed a list of all dual credit courses. Semester grade reports are no longer being mailed by Triton since students can access transcripts on-line. Grades will be sent to high schools on May 23rd; efforts will be made to provide the grades sooner if possible. Mr. Forbes Reyes has sent registration dates and related information to the high schools.

STAFF INTEGRATED TEAM EXPERIENCE

Most schools have submitted applications for the SITE program. It is anticipated that selections will be made by next Thursday.

HEALTH CAREERS CAMP

Forty-seven applications have been received to-date. Coordinators Jennifer Maldonado and Toni Wurch will make final selections next week; 24 students will be accepted.

SCHOOL/COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP

Mr. Larry Warford will serve as keynote presenter. His strengths are the global workforce and college and career transition. It was suggested that he focus on career pathways, and that prior to the workshop he provide an outline which Council members can circulate among their school representatives to gather ideas. Other suggestions for Mr. Warford's presentation included college readiness, preparing students to not just get in to college but to get of college also, and addressing the overlap of college readiness and workforce readiness. Other suggestions for the workshop included showcasing student work; highlighting Triton programs in a "faculty expo;" presentation of new and emerging technologies; and practical, hands-on sharing of resources on how schools are progressing and handling various topics as opposed to breakout groups merely reflecting on the keynote presentation. For the next meeting, Council members are to bring ideas for follow-up presentations (i.e. representatives from model schools, etc.). Ms. Moore will provide ideas to identify specific areas of Triton to tour, focusing on new and emerging technology/careers.

INFORMATION

Council members received an update on documented grant expenditures, payment schedules, and cash on-hand.