

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION  
NOVEMBER 2, 2006

MINUTES

Ms. Karen Schmidt called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Administrative Council to order at 8:06 a.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2006 in the Boardroom at East Leyden High School. In attendance: Dr. Fran Brady and Dr. Jack Denny (Leyden); Ms. Toni Wurch (Elmwood Park); Mr. Kyle Hastings (Proviso); Ms. Jennifer Buteyn (Ridgewood); Mr. Rick Mangun (Riverside-Brookfield); Mr. Jeff Cooks, Ms. Cheryl Antonich and Mr. Ken Benson (Triton); Ms. Karen Schmidt, Mr. Dan Heintz, Mr. Don Lund and Ms. Denise Yaneck (DVR).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Brady moved, Mr. Mangun seconded the motion to approve minutes of the September 28, 2006 meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

TOUR OF LEYDEN FACILITIES

The Council visited Leyden's machine tool shop, construction lab, and network lab.

SCHOOL/COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP

An evaluation summary of the October 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop was provided. Slides from Dr. Stone's presentation are available on DVR's web site. October 2, 2007 has been proposed to the Board of Control for next year's workshop. Council members were asked to check for potential conflicts with the proposed date.

DUAL CREDIT

Ms. Antonich anticipates that the dual credit schedule will be available next week. Mr. Benson presented a new dual credit option in Horticulture. He distributed information on cost breakdown, the industry, trends/employment areas, and the future of the industry. Three courses are proposed for fall 2007. The Council requested that Mr. Benson provide potential income information. Mr. Mangun moved, Dr. Denny seconded the motion that the Horticulture dual credit option be presented to the Board of Control in December.

CAREER PLANNING BROCHURE

All updates are to be submitted by Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Suggestions were made to include superintendents' pictures, and to revise the superintendent's letter to make it a

message “to our students” on behalf of all of the superintendents in the Region instead of the current “dear student” letter. Due to this year’s time schedule, these suggestions will be considered for next year.

## DISTRICT UPDATES

Council members provided brief updates about Implementation Grant activities and other district initiatives.

Riverside-Brookfield: Career fair day will be February 8<sup>th</sup>; building improvement plans include renovation of the automotive shop; a complete sequence of courses in construction will be developed.

Elmwood Park: Students are doing portfolios and mini-portfolios; the after school WorkKeys program has greatly impacted WorkKeys scores; a college and career night will be held as well as “The World’s Largest Reading Event;” the district continues to use career speakers.

Leyden: The “Around the World” project helps students see that what they study in high school has international relevance; through “Operation Read” Jr. and Sr. CTE students are identified in order to help increase their reading performance, understanding, and test scores; teachers are being encouraged to become more professionally involved (such as making presentations at Connections); formative and summative evaluations are being used in the process to evaluate staff.

Ridgewood: The district has updated the technology lab with state-of-the art equipment through Paxton Patterson, and three teachers have been trained to implement the new equipment; a project is underway in which 30 teachers will mentor 30 students who are at risk of failing; the six-week, half-credit freshman summer program includes in-class and field trip experience.

Proviso: An electronic newsletter, including video, will be posted on the district’s web site, used in daily announcements, and sent on CD’s to feeder schools; the newsletter will have input from all applied science areas.

## NATIONAL CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE

Ms. Schmidt distributed information obtained from ACT. Students can take a test to earn a certificate verifying foundational employment or training program skills. Cost information was not included in ACT brochure.

## ISIS

Per ISIS personnel, schools can claim summer school CTE courses in ISIS reports. If schools were to implement on-line CTE courses, it is not known at this time whether those courses would be claimable.

## INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Ms. Schmidt reported that Jeff Clarke will not serve as chairperson of the DVR Industrial Technology committee. Ms. Antonich stated that she will attempt to contact Dave Berton or Joe Stolz about the position.

## NEW REGIONAL PROGRAM

The Region is applying for approval in a new program, Computer Operation and Programming 52.1202. Within two weeks, Council members are to submit information on their courses, both current as well as those that will be added next year, that fit into this program area. Required course information includes course title, description, length of course, and target years (i.e. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>).