

DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2009

MINUTES

Dr. Douglas Rudig called the special meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Board of Control to order at 1:40 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2008 in Room B204 at Triton College. Voting members present: Chairman Dr. Douglas Rudig, Vice Chairman Dr. Attila J. Weninger, Secretary Dr. Robert Lupo, Dr. Kathryn Robbins, Dr. Patricia Granados (ex-officio). Voting members absent: Mr. Jack Baldermann, Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart. Also present: Mr. Jim Jennings, Mr. Pete Binder (Elmwood Park), Mr. Phil Prale, Ms. Amy Hill (Oak Park & River Forest), Ms. Jennifer Buteyn (Ridgewood), Ms. Karen Schmidt, Mr. Don Lund, Ms. Denise Yaneck (DVR), Ms. Cheryl Antonich, Dr. Susan Collins, Ms. Antoinette Baldin, Ms. Mary-Rita Moore, Mr. Panos Hadjimitsos, Ms. Angela Latham, Ms. Leslie Roberts (Triton), Mr. Fred Kane.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Lupo moved, Dr. Weninger seconded the motion to approve minutes of the January 7, 2009 meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Dr. Weninger moved, Dr. Robbins seconded the motion to approve minutes of the January 7, 2009 executives session meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Building upon previous discussions concerning the framework for a career/technology center for the Region, the following comments, ideas, and suggestions were expressed.

- Consideration of possible consolidation of programs as well as possible new programs for the future.
- Provide students access to other programs not offered at their home schools, without schools eliminating existing programs.
- Students taking courses at Triton or a career center may or may not naturally eliminate electives at the high schools.
- Consider offering courses that provide students the next step toward certification.
- The difference between dual credit and the career center would be the structure and the potential number of students involved. This will not eliminate dual credit.

- In the current structure, with dual credit, high school students have to fit into Triton's schedule.
- In the current structure, in dual credit, Triton cannot offer separate sections for high school students if not enough students enroll.
- In the current structure, with dual credit, travel time is a concern.
- With a career/technology center, students would spend a larger portion of their day at the center as opposed to traveling there for one class.
- Six different districts may not be providing students with the same level of preparation.
- The primary options to explore are offering new programs, programs currently offered that can be enhanced, and consolidation of programs. Additional option considerations include offering programs only for high school students in which all schools would contribute funding for teachers/facilities/etc., and the possibility of merging programs/facilities/instructors with Triton.
- The career/technology center may target juniors and seniors because of graduation requirements that restrict electives.
- Follow the career pathways initiative to help students move seamlessly from high school to college.
- Give the Administrative Council (and others that the superintendents designate) the charge to do the research, identify which programs to offer, and develop a proposal for all aspects of the career center (i.e. facility, faculty, curriculum, schedule and structure of the day, credit, credentials, etc.). Empower the Council to make decisions. Determine funding considerations and limitations; advise the Council on the number of programs that can be offered. The Board should put the charge to the Council in writing.
- Research available funding that could support the career center initiative.
- Consider the challenges facing the schools (i.e. transportation, electives, etc.).
- What do we need to know from the students who will be participating in career center programs?
- Target date to open the career center is the fall of 2010. Nine months from now we would need to begin marketing, and eleven months from now students would be registering.
- The Administrative Council will proceed with researching which emerging programs to recommend; the target date to complete the proposal is the end of May 2009.
- Discussion must remain open minded, to do what is best for students, to not limit thinking to our own schools' schedules and parameters.

Discussion about the career center concluded at 2:44 p.m.

DVR SYSTEM DIRECTOR POSTING AND INTERVIEW PROCESS

The Board moved into discussion concerning the search for a System Director of the Des Plaines Valley Region. Present: Dr. Rudig, Dr. Weninger, Dr. Lupo, Dr. Robbins, Dr. Granados, Ms. Schmidt, Mr. Lund, Ms. Yaneck, Mr. Kane. Discussion included the following.

- Identification of where advertising for the position will be posted.
- The Board will advertise for a full-time director. If no qualified candidate is found, the Board will then advertise for a half-time director.

- Salary decisions need to be made in order to proceed with development of DVR's FY2010 budget in April.
- Dr. Rudig's secretary, Ms. Nancy Lesalle, will be contacted regarding access to AppliTrack.
- Mr. Kane provided background information on his experience. He is interested in assisting with the search for a new director and presented a draft proposal of the timeline/duties/cost for his services. The Board reviewed his timeline and made recommendations for modifications. Duties include meeting with the Board of Control, conducting stakeholder interviews to assist in the development of the candidate profile, reviewing of completed applications, verifying references, visiting candidates at their current positions, and delivering the final list of candidates to the Board on March 24, 2009.
- Board members will be asked to provide a list of representatives from their districts. Mr. Kane will contact these persons for input on developing the candidate profile.

Dr. Weninger moved, Dr. Robbins seconded the motion to employ Mr. Kane to conduct the System Director search for DVR, per the proposed modifications to his proposal, at the cost of \$1,750, with additional costs (i.e. travel, lodging, and meals) to receive prior approval from Dr. Rudig. Mr. Kane will be paid upon completion of the project, and the DVR secretary will provide assistance. Roll call vote.

Dr. Weninger – aye

Dr. Lupo – aye

Dr. Robbins – aye

Dr. Rudig – aye

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.