

**BOARD OF CONTROL
DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION
NOVEMBER 5, 2008**

MINUTES

Dr. Douglas Rudig called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Board of Control to order at 8:58 a.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 in the Boardroom at Triton College. Voting members present: Chairman Dr. Douglas Rudig, Vice Chairman Dr. Attila J. Weninger, Secretary Dr. Robert Lupo, Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart, Dr. Kathryn Robbins, and Dr. Patricia Granados (ex-officio). Voting member absent: Mr. Jack Baldermann. Also present: Ms. Cheryl Antonich, Ms. Karen Schmidt, Mr. Don Lund, and Ms. Denise Yaneck.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Weninger moved, Dr. Lupo seconded the motion to approve minutes of the September 3, 2008 meeting. Dr. Rudig voted present. Dr. Weninger, Dr. Lupo, Dr. Collins-Hart, and Dr. Robbins voted aye; motion carried.

VOTING ITEM: BOARD BILLS

Dr. Weninger moved, Dr. Rudig seconded the motion to approve payment of DVR bills. Roll call vote.

Dr. Weninger – aye
Dr. Lupo – aye
Dr. Collins-Hart – aye
Dr. Robbins – aye
Dr. Rudig – aye

SCHOOL/COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP

Ms. Schmidt reported that this year's workshop was the best attended to-date. The workshop evaluation summary was distributed. Highlights of discussion about the workshop included the following.

Few evaluations were received which could be attributed to lack of a closing session. In the future, consider an on-line survey.

The keynote speaker's information was relevant, however his presentation skills were weak and he did not engage the audience.

The student panel was excellent. Continue to include students in the workshop. A recommendation was made to continue to hold the event at Triton.

Scheduling the workshop on the first or second Thursday in October seems to work well for all concerned.

Planning for next year's workshop starts now. Members of the Board of Control and Administrative Council provide input on their schools' current issues and initiatives; this leads to the workshop focus and ideas for themes and presenters.

A suggestion was made to focus on a particular initiative, for example dual credit, and have presentations by representatives from an entity successfully implementing that particular initiative.

A suggestion was made to revisit all of the Partnership initiatives.

Meg Ormiston was suggested as a presenter. The focus would be moving schools forward and making school powerful, meaningful and engaging for students; schools need to change the way teachers teach; schools need to provide teachers with current technology teaching tools.

Mark Milliron was suggested as a presenter.

Previous workshops have included dinner and time for networking which provided a valuable opportunity to share ideas with colleagues. Attendees need time to collaborate and develop ideas following presentations.

The topic of the workshop will be on the Board of Control agenda each month.

STAFF INTEGRATED TEAM EXPERIENCE

The Administrative Council recommends the following regarding the SITE program: Keep the SITE program for teachers as it presently is; run a parallel experience for students at the same businesses as the teachers; on the third day of the program, have a combined follow-up workshop for teachers and students to share ideas; increase accountability for teachers by providing ways to share lessons/units they implement as a result of SITE; and hire an assistant coordinator for the student aspect of the program. One particular issue is that businesses might not accommodate large groups for tours, and some businesses will not provide tours to students.

The Administrative Council is asked to provide the Board with a formal proposal, including goals and objectives, incorporating the recommended modifications. The proposal is requested for the December 3rd Board of Control meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

Dr. Collins-Hart requested background information on how Proviso was established as DVR's fiscal agent. She questioned whether Proviso must remain as fiscal agent and whether doing so creates additional work for the district. Discussion included the following.

The fiscal agent can be changed.

Questions raised included whether Triton could be fiscal agent, whether a different district could be the fiscal agent and still have the DVR office reside at Proviso, and the feasibility of districts rotating fiscal agent responsibility every five years.

Ms. Schmidt distributed a list of tasks done by Proviso personnel with regard to fiscal agent duties. Changing the fiscal agent should be done at the start of a new fiscal year.

Dr. Collins-Hart will seek input from Dr. Nikita Johnson regarding tasks performed as fiscal agent. She would like to move forward as soon as is feasible.

Dr. Robbins and Dr. Rudig will explore the possibility of their districts assuming the responsibility of fiscal agent.

Further discussion will take place at the December 3rd meeting.

Other comments that were made during discussion of this topic included the following. Dr. Weninger questioned why Triton is not a voting member on the Board. Dr. Granados stated that the School/College Partnership was established prior to formation of the Des Plaines Valley Region. Triton does not contribute local funding as do the high school districts.

DVR STAFF 2009-2010

Mr. Lund stated that he will retire effective July 1, 2009. Prior to the December 3rd meeting, Mr. Lund and Ms. Schmidt will forward to the Board the System Director's job description. Dr. Weninger requested that the Board hold a closed meeting on December 3rd for the purpose of discussing the issue of staffing.

DECEMBER MEETING

In regard to the next meeting which is scheduled for December 3rd, the Board agreed to the following.

There will not be a Partnership meeting.

At 8:00 a.m. a closed session will be held for the superintendents and college president only.

At 9:00 a.m. the regular Board of Control meeting will be held.

Immediately following the Board of Control meeting, discussion about the technology center will take place.

INFORMATION

Board members received their respective district's grant expenditures to-date and cash on-hand summary.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Lupo moved, Dr. Weninger seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m. All ayes; motion carried.