

DVR Industrial Technology Committee

Meeting 1 – Thursday, October 17, 2013 8:00AM

Topics: All Industrial Technology Areas

East Leyden High School

3400 Rose St.

Franklin Park, IL 60131

Fiscal Conference Room 017

In Attendance: Frank Holthouse - Leyden, Brian Collier - Ridgewood, Neil Posmer - Elmwood Park, Ryan VenHorst - Oak Park & River Forest, Carl Fedele - Proviso

Presentation and Discussion of Programs of Study Website

- Members reviewed all sections of www.DVR-EFE.info.
- Members were shown how to systemically review the student schedules for accuracy.
- Mr. VenHorst brought up the concern of this tool possibly being used to direct students into department courses for the sake of numbers. Mr. Holthouse brought up that all courses must adhere to the pathways established by the state.
- Mr. Fedele noted that some pathways are not displaying on the webpage. Mr. Holthouse added that the terms cluster and pathways should be defined so that they are accessible to students and parents.
- Overall members thought that this could be a very powerful tool in guiding students through high school into post-secondary training for careers. The website review document was shared with members so that they could continue work outside of the meeting.

Project Lead the Way and STEM

- Mr. Posmer noted that Elmwood Park is looking into new elective opportunities for students and was interested in finding out more about PLTW. One concern is the requirement of three courses in three years with a school population of around 900 students.
- Mr. Fedele also noted that Proviso is exploring this option. Currently Proviso focuses on Automotive Technology, but they may expand.
- Mr. VenHorst clarified a lot of the questions regarding this program as their school has implemented PLTW for the longest. He noted that OPRF has removed their prerequisites and that they highlight the importance of soft skills with their students.
- Mr. Collier noted that Ridgewood currently uses the Engineering by Design model to give students STEM opportunities.
- Mr. Holthouse noted that Leyden is in its second year of implementation and just began a STEM advisory council.

Tour of Leyden's Facilities

- All members toured the Metals, Autos, Woods/Construction and Engineering Labs. Some of the equipment highlighted included a BFB300 3D printer, a Shop Bot CNC router, and a LaserPro C180 Laser engraver.

School Clubs / Organizations

Members shared ideas regarding after school clubs such as Battle Bots, FIRST robotics, and Skills USA.

Sharing of Curriculum

Members shared several lessons and projects.

Members continued a professional discussion over lunch.