

Industrial Technology DVR meeting minutes: 10/28/11

Meeting took place at luncheon during the ITEC conference in Normal, IL

In Attendance:

Steve Silca - Ridgewood

Nick Michalek – OPRF

Ryan VenHorst – OPRF

1. Discussion on implementation of Project Lead the Way courses at OPRF (PLTW)
 - a. OPRF has implemented 3-4 different PLTW courses. The courses are both introductory (Principles of Technology) as well as more advanced (Electronics Technology)
 - b. This is OPRF's second year with PLTW courses
 - c. PLTW courses have NOT reduced enrollment in other department courses
 - i. In fact, in 2 years, the department has gone from 1.8 FTE's to 2.6 FTE's.
 - d. OPRF still offers woodworking and drafting curriculums outside of the PLTW courses
2. Discussion of EbD curriculum
 - a. Steve Silca and Julia Wicklund from Ridgewood attended summer training in August to learn about the first class in the EbD continuum, Foundations of Technology
 - b. Ridgewood will be implementing the curriculum for the 2012-2013 school year. The course is in the registration guide and will be promoted to the feeder school this school year.
 - c. This year is designated for ordering equipment, remodeling the classroom space for EbD lab, and advertising to current students as well as incoming students.
 - d. The training was reported as engaging and very helpful to get the EbD program up and running at RHS
3. Discussion of OPRF Industrial Technology area renovations
 - a. Due to a grant that OPRF will potentially receive for their child care facilities, OPRF Industrial Tech labs and shops may be moved/renovated
 - b. OPRF teachers shared hand sketches about the new layout and the impact on the program
 - c. All present at the meeting shared their input and questions about the potential renovations
 - i. The renovations are still contingent on the grant approval