

DVR Student Services Committee

Salerno's
7128 Roosevelt Road
Oak Park, IL 60304

November 22, 2013
12:30 pm

Minutes

Future Meeting Dates:

December 13, 2013
February 7, 2014
March 14, 2014
April 25, 2014

Members in Attendance: Chris Dewey (Triton), Mark Ondracek (Proviso East), Jim Gyori (Ridgewood), Chelsea Burkle (RH intern), Linda Alvarez (Proviso West), Amy Paulus (PMSA), Mike Reingruber (Riverside Brookfield), Alison Till (Elmwood Park), Marijana Uremovic (West Leyden), Emily Wine (East Leyden) Izabela Zurawska (Triton) and Sarah VenHorst (Oak Park & River Forest)

Triton Updates (Izabela & Chris)

Triton will be hosting its "Discover Triton" on Wednesday, December 4th from 6-7:30pm. Representatives from the School of Arts and Sciences, Transfer Services and Financial Aid will be available to answer questions and promote programming.

"Super Saturday" will be held on January 11 from 10am-4pm. This is an opportunity for students to enroll at Triton, complete placement tests, and do an orientation all in one visit. This is intended mainly for students enrolling in Spring semester, however, it is open for Fall enrollees as well.

DVR School/College Partnership Workshop Follow-up/ Lynn Rhea for a counselor workshop on Programs of Study (Sarah)

The group briefly discussed the October Partnership workshop; as a whole, everyone was happy with the day and found the activities to be useful. The group was in agreement that the sessions that allowed districts to meet individually with the members present was the most helpful.

We also discussed the possibility of having Lynn Rhea come in to speak to us specifically to address the issues involving Student Services. Although the group is open to the idea they are interested in gaining more information as to what specifically will be discussed and how we can potentially use this information within each school.

Future Field Trip Opportunities

It was decided that at some point in March, the group will meet at the Chicago Job Corps location to see what programs are offered and how we can best filter that information to our students. Additionally, there was a consensus on a spring field trip to Triton with Juniors. The members were going to do a survey of the top career interests so that we can appropriately plan.

Career Fair Sharing

Leyden once again hosted their Career Fair with over 100 participants! The fair is organized by Dr. Brady, the superintendent and she puts a great deal of planning and preparation in to making this a successful event. The Leyden schools alternate each year between campuses and open up their fair to community members- this year brought in roughly 1,000.

Ridgewood will be hosting its College and Career Fair March 7th. The event will include admissions reps and will be housed in their indoor track. The fair is driven by student interest and teacher participation. They will have visitors from Concordia's Career Advisor Department, Triton Health Careers, and BIR Training Center, among others.

PMSA is considering whether or not to run a combined College and Career fair or to keep them separate. Proviso East will host its Vocational Fair with 35-40 representatives on March 14th. The fair will run during lunch periods and will be open to sophomore through senior students.

2013-2014 Goals:

- 1) Increasing communication between high schools and Triton
- 2) Collaborating/Communicating about field trip opportunities
- 3) Career Fair
- 4) Programs of Study