

## **DVR Student Services Committee**

**Date:** March 8, 2013

**Time:** 1:00pm

**Location:** Oak Park & River Forest High School Board Room

**Attendees:** Priscilla Meraz (Oak Park Intern), Jennea Alverado (Oak Park Intern), Amy Paulus (PMSA), Emily Wine (East Leyden), Jim Gyori (Ridgewood), Chris Dewey (Triton), Alison Till(Elmwood Park), Adrien Perkins (Triton), Mike Reingruber (Riverside-Brookfield), Claudia Holland (Proviso West), Marijana Uremovic (West Leyden), Melissa Storck (West Leyden Intern) and Sarah VenHorst (Oak Park & River Forest).

**Naviance:** The March meeting consisted of a single agenda item surrounding Naviance, the way it is currently used in schools that have it, and the way that it can be used in ways that are similar to other programs of the same variety. A number of the participating DVR schools do use the Naviance program for both Career and College Exploration, tracking and planning. There are programs that are similar in format that are used in other schools (such as “What’s Next Illinois”).

Some of the obvious benefits of using a program like Naviance are the ability to modify the program to fit the needs of each individual district and the broad range of resources that are linked through a database such as this one. One of the biggest drawbacks noted by the group is the cost of using such a program and the inability of everyone who uses the program to access all components or modify any one program individually. Overall, there are a number of aspects within the career realm that are being used in a wide variety of ways throughout each participating DVR district utilizing whatever program is available to each counselor.