

DVR Student Services Committee
September 16th Minutes

Date: Friday 9.16.11

Time: 12:30pm

Location: Vince's Restaurant in Harwood Heights

Attendees: Mallory Martin (Triton), Mike Reingruber (Riverside Brookfield), Nicole O'Connor (Proviso West), Jim Gyori (Ridgewood), Marijana Uremovic (West Leyden), Heather Shannon (East Leyden), Allison Till (Elmwood Park), Sarah VenHorst (OPRF)

Topics & Discussion:

- New DVR contact info:
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- New RSVP process
- Goals & activities for the 2011-2012 school year:
 1. More collaborative field trips or in-house speakers where we invite the other schools
 2. More info about EXPLORE posts—need a physical flyer/brochure to hand to students with detailed information about posts
 3. Incorporate non-traditional career exploration opportunities
 4. Utilize the WINC event at Triton as an opportunity for students to explore their personal career interests (allow students to select their break-out sessions)
 5. Expose students to career options within the STEM arena
 6. Expose Junior students to COMPASS (talk to Emmanuel Esparza) test to help them prepare to place at the college level upon entering Triton.
- Triton updates:
 - Future Focus is coming up on Tuesday, September 27th.
 - Family Fall Fun Fest. October 1st, Saturday 10am-2pm. Baked goods. Activities for kids.
 - Dual Credit. 90 students in Dual Credit. Emailed lists of students out recently to DVR rep from each school.

- Placement Testing: Triton now offers a review session for the placement test. Limited seats, need to register. They'll tell students what they need to master to test at the next level. ACT test-out scores: 20 for Reading & Writing. 22 for Math. For calculus it's 24. Placement test scores are good for 2 years. ACT tests are also good for two years.
- Career survey methods & the best way to conduct student career self-assessment process
 - Each school will report back on their top 3 areas of interest based on their Student Services software reports.
- Possible inservice topics (requires pre-approved budget): programs of study, curriculum development, dual credit, instructional strategies/resources, real-world application in the classroom.
- Reminder of mid-year (prior to February administrative council meeting) and final reports (prior to May administrative council meeting). Reports will include year-to-date accomplishments compared to goals.

East Leyden: Can we have Dual Credit without being in work program? Have a listing of Dual Credit class options.