

DVR Student Services Committee

Salerno's
7128 Roosevelt Road
Oak Park, IL 60304

February 7, 2014
12:30 pm

Minutes

Future Meeting Dates:

April 25, 2014

Members In Attendance: Chris Dewey (Triton), Mark Ondracek (Proviso East), Chelsea Burkle (Ridgewood intern), Linda Alvarez (Proviso West), Amy Paulus (PMSA), Mike Reingruber (Riverside Brookfield), Susan Chong sub for Alison Till (Elmwood Park), Marijana Uremovic (West Leyden), Izabela Zurawska (Triton) and Sarah VenHorst (Oak Park & River Forest)

Triton Updates (Izabela and Chris)

Izabela handed out a Spring 2014 schedule of events for Triton. Both Chris and Izabela spoke to the policy for payment on any enrolled class must be received within 48 hours or the course will be dropped. This is a similar policy to a number of neighboring community colleges and seems to be an effective way for Triton to hold students accountable for tuition.

The Architecture and Horticulture Programs in particular are ready and willing to come to the high schools to promote and explain what they have to offer students.

There are a few new initiatives at Triton as well. There will be Student Ambassadors to help act as mentors for students and there was a discussion about having these students also be present within the high schools to help the high school students better understand what Triton has to offer and help dispel the "stigma" of going to community college. Chris also wanted to draw attention to the benefits of students taking classes prior to graduating from high school including the increasing cost of attending four year colleges/universities and students coming out of high school with a variety of transfer credits. She reminded the group that in order for any student under the age of sixteen to take a class on campus, they require a letter from their high school counselor.

Field Trip Planning Session

It was decided that the tentative date for a group Triton field trip will be March 29th 2014. The general time frame will be from 9:00am-12:00pm and students will be required to bring money for lunch. There were discussions as to how the day should look in terms of scheduling and potential speakers including breaking the groups down by areas of interest to keep the interest of the participants. There will be room for ten students from each feeder high school. Izabela will be putting together a proposal of options and the group will vote on the proposals and move forward with the planning process.

Mid-Year Report (Sarah)

The group was asked to provide the chair with a mid-year report ASAP.

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