



# **DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION**

**PARTNERS IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & LIFE-LONG LEARNING**

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## **DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MARCH 6, 2014**

### **MINUTES**

Dr. Anne Cothran called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Administrative Council to order at 8:34 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2014 in Room 201 at Riverside-Brookfield High School. In attendance: Dr. Anne Cothran (DVR), Ms. Toni Memmel (Elmwood Park Dist. 401), Dr. Nicolas Wade (Elmwood Park Dist. 401), Mr. Phil Prale (Oak Park & River Forest Dist. 200), Ms. Sarah Roodhouse (Oak Park & River Forest Dist. 200), Mr. Ed Moyer (Proviso Dist. 209), Ms. Sheri Costello (Ridgewood Dist. 234), Ms. Patti Farlee (Riverside-Brookfield Dist. 208), Dr. Sandra Hughes (Triton College), Mr. Bill Nedrow (Triton College), Ms. Serpil Caputlu (Triton College), Ms. Leslie Wester (Triton College), Ms. Denise Yaneck (DVR).

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Moyer moved, Ms. Costello seconded the motion to approve minutes of the February 6, 2014 meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

#### **BRIDGING THE GAP REPORT**

Secondary faculty and Triton College faculty have collaborated on the Bridging the Gap initiative. Mr. Nedrow, Ms. Caputlu and Ms. Wester provided a progress report covering discussion and findings with regard to aligning curriculum with Common Core and recommendations for the future. With the Council's recommendation that the Triton representatives share their presentation with the DVR Student Services Committee, Dr. Cothran will provide Dean Segovia with contact information for Sarah VenHorst who chairs that committee. Dr. Cothran suggested working with the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

#### **ILLINOIS PROPOSED DUAL CREDIT CHANGES**

Illinois is considering making changes in the dual credit restrictions. A key change includes allowing any high school age student to participate (not just juniors and seniors) if they meet the enrollment requirements. Council members received a copy of the ICCB presentation on proposed changes.

#### **FY14 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Dr. Cothran had submitted an amendment to our FY14 CTEI grant to include additional funds for Programs of Study, teacher participation in Math in CTE, and an IT camp for DVR students. Two schools have expressed interest in Math in CTE. ISBE's response to the IT camp indicates it will not be approved. If the camp is not an allowable Programs of Study activity, an alternate activity must be identified. After discussion, the Council recommended a counselor training workshop on Programs of Study. It was suggested that we first ask counselors for their input on what they need in order to develop a structured plan on how to work with students on POS. Dr. Cothran will present the idea of counselor training to the Board of Control at their meeting tomorrow.

#### DVR WEBSITE UPDATE

The DVR main website was created in Publisher. Publisher's web function is not keeping up with changes in Internet technology. Therefore the DVR Board has approved a contract for conversion of dvr-efe.org to a new format that will be compatible with evolving Internet technology and mobile devices. The project is expected to be completed in March.

#### TEACHER SERVICE RECORDS

The information is not yet available.

#### EMERGENCY DAYS AND SCHOOL CALENDARS

Council members verified the last day of school for their districts and confirmed that there are no conflicts with the dates for Health Careers Camp (June 9-11), Teacher Workplace Experience (June 10-11), and Food Sanitation Certification (June 11-12).

#### IT CAREER CAMP DEVELOPMENT

Although the Illinois IT Pathway is very enthusiastic about creating an IT summer career camp, we have learned that this will probably not be an allowable activity for use of grant funds.

#### PARTNERSHIP BEST PRACTICES

Best Practices nomination forms are due to the DVR office by March 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT COUNT

Each district has a seat allotment for the annual workshop in October. For reference, Council members were provided their count from the October 2013 workshop. Participants include key administrators, CTE faculty, counselors, and academic department chairpersons. Council members were asked to determine the number of seats their districts will need for October 27, 2014 and to provide that number to the DVR office before spring break.

#### OTHER

Dr. Cothran provided brief details from her discussions with legislators in Washington, DC earlier this week.