

**Des Plaines Valley Region
Business Committee
Minutes—April 29, 2014
Elmwood Park High School**

The following members were present: Karen Bear, Elmwood Park High School, Lauren Martire, Leyden High School, Nancy Bardo, Oak Park River Forest High School, Barb Burchill, Proviso West High School, Kathy Peterson, Riverside Brookfield High School, Julia Wicklund, Ridgewood High School

Tech Share Workshop

We reviewed the Tech Share evaluations and determined that the event was very successful. Participants scored the event with an average of 9.8 out of 10.

Participants particularly appreciated the presentation by Leyden Mike McGuire of Triton who presented information on how to use Twitter and Linked In more effectively as well as information about social media security issues.

There was a strong consensus was to continue the event next year.

Workshops

NBEA in Los Angeles – Julia Wicklund attended and was very impressed. She shared information about the conference.

Barbara Burchill attended *IBEA* in Bloomington. The workshops were on-point and immediately applicable.

Illinois Computing Educators was attended by Julia and Lauren Matire. Leyden presented a workshop on starting a Help Desk. Julia shared the Top 20 apps.

Members reported that the *Connections Conference* was very productive. Barb Burchill suggested the use of an online conference site.

Triton Program Changes

Dr. Griffin relayed new information about changes at Triton:

1. We hosted our Spring 2014 “Executive Series Program” with our guest speakers James E. Parisi, Chief Financial Officer and Senior Managing Director, Finance and Corporate Development and James V. Pieper, Managing Director and Chief Accounting Officer from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. We had about 110 students in attendance including Nancy Bardo’s class from Oak Park River Forest High School. (Nancy spoke about how much her 18 students appreciated the excellent seminar and speakers and the way they were treated by Dr. Griffin.)

2. ACC 101 Financial Accounting class will change from a 3 credit hour class to a 4 credit hour class in the Spring 2015.
3. We will be introducing a new Bookkeeping Certificate Program 16 credit hours in the Spring 2015.
4. New Dean of Business & Technology starts today at Triton replacing Tonette Baldwin.

Illinois Technology Foundation

Karen introduced a group that can help in the technology area.

The Illinois Technology Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the development of the technology talent pipeline in the State of Illinois.

"We are a grassroots organization with over 300 passionate volunteers that are focused on developing and retaining the best IT talent and leadership in Illinois by bringing real-world career opportunities to the classroom. In doing this, we enrich the careers of students by helping them find meaningful employment that allows them to pursue their technical aspirations and make valuable contributions to their employers." Bill Waas, Chairman & CEO

- Nominations are now open for High school juniors for **Fifty for the Future**[®].
 - Students can self-nominate, since we use LinkedIn for the bulk of the judging, it takes them about 20 minutes to fill out the application
 - Faculty can nominate a student, it takes less than 5 minutes to fill out the application.
- **Student Technology Club** – this is not available to high school students unless they apply for **Fifty for the Future**[®], but it is available for faculty. It is free to join and provides the opportunity to attend webinars, mixers and other programs.
- **Guest Speaker** if you would like a guest speaker or industry coach you can apply on the link provided. We just need three weeks' notice to arrange.

Teacher Work Experience

Members submitted the names of TWE participants from their schools. All 12 slots are filled. TWE is scheduled for June 10th and 11th. Sites to be visited are Reyes Holdings and Cisco Systems.

Curriculum Changes

Riverside Brookfield is doing a one-to-one pilot. Ridgewood is moving to one-to-one iPad for the entire school. Ridgewood is also adding a variety of classes: Shark Cage, Small Business Competition, Fashion Marketing and Sports Marketing.

Opportunities

Triton Summer Camps – We promoted the two summer camps in our schools.

Tech 2014 – will be held in Springfield in the capital building. Ridgewood students are attending and hosting a table. Politicians will see the presentations to hear how technology is used in classrooms.

Curriculum Sharing

Julia and Barb shared websites for a variety.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bear
Business Committee Chairperson