

**Des Plaines Valley Region
Business Committee
End-of-Year Report 2013-2014**

Tech Share Workshop

We reviewed the evaluations from the Tech Share event held in February and determined that the event was very successful. The 26 participants scored the event with an average of 10 out of 10 and stated that it was our best event yet.

Participants appreciated the presentation by Mike McGuire of Triton who educated us on how to use Twitter for professional development. Pete Hostrawser showed us the OPRF School of Business website focusing on how best to utilize your website for promotion and interaction with students, parents and the business community. Lauren Martire and Amy Gorzynski were particularly effective in demonstrating the myriad ways we could use Google Apps in our classroom. We have already asked them to present a follow up session next year. A favorite part of the day was favorite lesson and apps shared by all the participants. The consensus was to continue Tech Share next year.

Workshops

Members reported that the *NBEA in Los Angeles* and *IBEA in Bloomington* were effective and time well spent. Leyden presented a workshop at the *Illinois Computing Educators* on starting a Help Desk.

Triton Program Changes

Dr. William Griffin relayed new information about changes at Triton:

1. They 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 which will also benefit Dual Credit students.
3. Triton will be introducing a new Bookkeeping Certificate Program 16 credit hours in the Spring 2015.

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 visited will be Reyes Holdings and Cisco Systems.

Opportunities

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. They provide speakers, mentors and programs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bear, Chairperson, Business Committee