

**Des Plaines Valley Region  
Business Committee  
Minutes—November 14, 2013  
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, Monica Evans, Proviso East High School, Kathleen Peterson, Riverside Brookfield, Dr. Bill Griffin, Triton College

### **Tech Share Workshop**

Our fifth annual Tech Share will be hosted at Triton in room M142-E on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and is open to CTE teachers from the region. Committee members brought the names of participants. Currently, there are 22 participants scheduled to attend.

Based on a survey given to 2013 Tech Share participants our main focus will be continuing development of our wiki for the use of area CTE teachers and to enhance individual web sites or learning management systems which we will link from the wiki. Participants are asked to prepare and bring the following with them so they can build the sites:

- Addresses of their favorite websites or links
- At least three lessons and corresponding materials to post
- A paragraph about them
- Their favorite app
- A flash drive

In addition, Mike McGuire of Triton will present additional information about social media. Other topics include using Google applications and Twitter effectively and sharing of favorite lessons.

More information will be sent to each participant closer to the event.

### **Triton Program Changes**

Dr. Griffin explained that Triton's Business Advisory Committee met last week. He is looking for new Advisory Committee members. The meetings are held twice a year. Dr. Griffin explained that there will be courses taught at the high schools in the evening this year. There is an Introduction to Business course at Oak Park River Forest this spring for college credit.

The Executive Director of the Entrepreneurial Center of DePaul was the latest speaker at the new Executive Series program at Triton.

Along with Triton's new Applied Science degree in Accounting and Finance the following programs are in process:

- Bookkeeping certificate program with 16 hours
- Accounting Assistant program with 31 credit hours including a new course in Tax Accounting

- CPA Path Program – satisfies 150 hour rule to sit for the CPA exam. This is geared for those who have Bachelor's degree in another area.

Articulation agreements are being developed with Roosevelt, Benedictine, Robert Morris, National Lewis University College and the DePaul Entrepreneurial Program.

CME Group is offering internship programs. Triton students and graduated high schools can apply who are enrolled in college can apply for the 22 hours a week over the summer. There are 100 opportunities. To qualify the student must be enrolled in college and be studying in the areas of Technology, Corporate Development, Marketing, Human Resources, Administration, Economics and Finance. Pay is \$13-15 minimum with opportunities for full-time employment.

### **Programs of Study**

Members were concerned that no one is scheduled to edit the new website. Karen will double check with Anne to determine process.

### **Curriculum Sharing**

Karen demonstrated the 3D printer received from the conference sponsored by Illinois State University. Karen and Lauren Martire attended the conference in early November.

Karen explained about the Entrepreneurial Promotion Project between Elmwood Park business and the John Mills Elementary School 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. High School students from Elmwood Park are training 6<sup>th</sup> graders on how to start and run a business. Two classes competed while learning idea and brand development, financial statements and marketing techniques. Students then teamed up to create their own entrepreneurial products which will be shown at an Entrepreneurial Fair. A local business, Popcorn Palace, sponsored the event by offering \$1,000 in prizes including iPad Minis to the winning team. Local entrepreneurs will be mentoring and judging the new businesses.

Kathy Peterson of Riverside Brookfield showed the promotional video created for Riverside Brookfield's Applied Arts departments.

### **Curriculum Sharing Schedule**

- ◆ April – Kathy Peterson

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bear  
Business Committee Chairperson

### **Business Committee Meeting Schedule**

- ◆ Thursday, February 20th (Tech Share), Location M-142E at Triton
- ◆ Tuesday, April 29th , Elmwood Park High School, 12:30