

**Des Plaines Valley Region  
Business Committee  
Minutes—September 17, 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, Barb Burchill, Proviso West High School, Kathleen Peterson, Riverside Brookfield, Debra Ridgner, Ridgewood

### **Summer Programs**

Karen reviewed the Heather Sass Training and the Teacher Workplace Experience. Feedback was extremely positive for both programs. Attendees particularly enjoyed the Red Frog Events visit. Dates for 2013 TWE (June 18-19) were given with a request to share the information with CTE at the area school

### **Update of Dual Credit progress**

We reviewed the policies and process for Dual Credit courses at Triton.

### **Curriculum Revitalization Workshop – Tech Share**

In response to the business teachers of the area requests we decided to hold another Tech Share workshop this year. We hope to host the event again at Triton with a tentative date of February 20<sup>th</sup>. Further information will be forthcoming. The invitation is open to CTE teachers from the region. Committee members were asked to determine up to four participants from their schools. Our main focus will be sharing ideas, building our wiki site for our area CTE teachers and enhancing websites. Additional details will be discussed at our November meeting.

### **Programs of Study**

We reviewed the Program of Study website. Each school representative worked on their school Programs of Study template to verify that the succession of knowledge and skills were appropriate for their programs and will continue to do so.

### **Workshops**

Karen Bear and Lauren Martire attended the Tapestry 3-day workshop in July in order to increase nontraditional enrollment in technology courses. Members will be attending CABEA in October where Lauren Martire and other Leyden personnel will be presenting information on the One to One initiative. Karen Bear and Lauren Martire will be attending the 3D Printer seminar for Special Populations at Illinois State in November. Members are planning to attend the NBEA conference and several members were planning to attend the Connections Conference at Pheasant Run in March.

## **Curriculum Sharing**

Karen shared a number of cooperative learning and interactive strategies that she learned in coursework over the summer. She added practical application lessons to show how they could be utilized.

## **Curriculum Sharing**

- ◆ November – 3D Printer review and demonstration

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bear  
Business Committee Chairperson

## **Business Committee Meeting Schedule**

- ◆ **Thursday, November 14th . Elmwood Park High School, 12:30**
- ◆ **Thursday, February 20th (Tech Share), Location TBA**
- ◆ **Tuesday, April 29th , Elmwood Park High School, 12:30**