

DVR Meeting

April 30, 2014

Child Care

Members Present: Mary Rinchuso (Triton), Jen Maldonado (Leyden), Valarie Berger (Leyden), Kathleen Peterson (Riverside Brookfield), Patty Heidel (Proviso East)

1. Programs of Study Update

- a. Patty Heidel and Jen Maldonado shared career research projects they do in which the Programs of Study website it used for research.
- b. Both teachers felt the website is thorough and easy to use.

2. Upcoming State Changes for ECE

- a. There is talk at the state level at changing the certification requirements for ECE.
- b. This will most likely result in more students pursuing a 4 year degree.
- c. The proposed changes include:
 - i. All directors will be required to have a bachelor's degree
 - ii. All teachers will be required to have an associate's degree
 - iii. All home providers will be required to have an associate's degree
- d. There is also a task force in place to work on evaluating the wages/pay for ECE.
- e. The state is also re-evaluating the curriculum, so we may need to revisit the Programs of Study in the fall to align with state changes.

3. Dual Credit Students

- a. The dual credit students are thriving and doing an excellent job in their Triton classrooms.
- b. Mary reminded teachers that fieldtrips are available for bringing students to visit the child care labs and classes.

4. Mandated Reporter

- a. The group reviewed the requirements for our status as mandated reporters.
- b. Mary shared that all Triton employees must complete the Illinois DCFS online training and produce their certificate as record of the training. The training can be linked from <http://www.state.il.us/dcfs/library/index.shtml>
- c. The direct link to the training is at <https://mr.dcfstraining.org/UserAuth/Login!loginPage.action;jsessionid=C49269711F81B5A9DB8E0E1B1364BDD1>

5. Bring Your Child to Work Day

- a. Kathleen Peterson shared their activities for "Bring Your Child to Work Day".
- b. This day has been very successful and involves multiple departments throughout the school to provide a fun and meaningful experience for children of all ages.
- c. Kathleen has shared her planning documents with us. Those documents can be found at <https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B4o-yoiRYkR0WW42d3h5akhLeGs&usp=sharing>