

**Des Plaines Valley Region  
Business Committee  
Minutes—October 2, 2014  
Elmwood Park High School**

The following members were present: Karen Bear, Elmwood Park, Lauren Martire, Leyden, Nancy Bardo, Oak Park & River Forest, Shaurae Winfield, Proviso West, Patty Sarkady, Riverside-Brookfield, Julia Wicklund, Ridgewood

### **Summer Programs**

Karen reviewed the Teacher Workplace Experience. Feedback was extremely positive for both Reyes Holding and Cisco Systems. Attendees particularly enjoyed the variety of the visits.

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

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

### **Tech Share Workshop**

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 change of date of March 4<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, adding lessons to the DVR website, developing Google skills and using Twitter for professional development. Additional details will be discussed at our November meeting.

### **Workshops**

Members of the committee are planning to attend several professional conferences this year. The ACTE-Vision 2014 will be held in Nashville on Nov 19-22 while the ICE conference is in February at Pheasant Run. Members are also planning to attend the NBEA conference which is in Chicago this year and several members were planning to attend the Connections Conference at Pheasant Run in March.

The Certiport Training opportunity on October 28<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Several members are either already signed up or will investigate the opportunity. In addition, we explored the resource which explains IT certifications to prepare people for careers in the various IT areas. A page pops up that shows the related succession of certifications.

[http://certification.comptia.org/ExploreCareers/careerpaths/career\\_roadmap.aspx](http://certification.comptia.org/ExploreCareers/careerpaths/career_roadmap.aspx)

## **Curriculum Sharing**

Karen shared her on-line portfolio system for the Virtual Enterprise International class which focuses on student reflection, and evidence of Common Core writing and speaking skills as well as 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills.

## **Curriculum Sharing**

- ◆ November – Patty Sarkady, Common Core in the Elective Areas
- ◆ May - TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bear  
Business Committee Chairperson

## **Business Committee Meeting Schedule**

- ◆ **Thursday, November 13th . Elmwood Park High School, 12:30**
- ◆ **Thursday, March 4th (Tech Share), Location TBA**
- ◆ **Tuesday, May 5th , Elmwood Park High School, 12:30**