

**Des Plaines Valley Region  
Business Committee  
Minutes—November 13, 2014  
Elmwood Park High School**

The following members were present: Karen Bear, Elmwood Park High School, Lauren Martire, Leyden High School, Nancy Bardo, Oak Park and River Forest High School, Shaurae Winfield, Proviso West High School, Patty Sarkady, Riverside-Brookfield High School, Luca Ciccolini, Ridgewood High School, Barb Burchill, Proviso West High School, Seamus Brennan, Proviso West High School, Dr. William Griffin, Triton College

**Review of Partnership Workshop and Certiport**

Karen reviewed the Partnership Workshop.

Many of the committee members attended the Certiport training. They liked the practice but were very disappointed that they were not able to actually take the tests. They were given vouchers to take the tests later but since the program was promoted as a way to actually get the certification there was some disappointment. On a scale of 1 to 10, we heard 8, 3, 6, and 3.

**Triton College Updates**

We reviewed the policies and process for Dual Credit courses at Triton. Dr. William Griffin spoke about many changes at Triton.

Triton has been approved as a candidate for the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs. This process will grant accounting and business programs accreditation which is given to a small number of community colleges. This will be very appealing to businesses and transfer universities.

Financial Accounting 101 will be 4 credit hours most likely effective Fall 2015 semester. New proposals are being submitted for a Bookkeeping Certificate and Accounting Assistant. These present additional Dual Credit opportunities as well. These changes are targeted for Fall 2015. Triton is also looking into a Conflict Resolution course and Health Administration course.

All full-time faculty who teach on-line at Triton have to take the Masters of On-line Teaching Certificate through the University of Illinois. More courses are being developed on-line. Adjunct faculty are being encouraged to do the same. This is an unusual stipulation for a community college.

Nancy Bardo of Oak Park and River Forest attended the Triton Advisory Meeting in early November.

## **Career Spotlight Presentations**

Information was shared about the career spotlight program. It was generally well received, however, concern was expressed about seat limits. Many teachers have a number of students who wish to attend.

## **Tech Share Workshop**

Plans were made for our Tech Share Workshop which will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Triton College. So far, 18-19 teachers are scheduled to attend.

## **Workshops**

Information was shared about an Investment Workshop (Options Trading) at Deerfield High School on Saturday, November 15th.

## **Curriculum Sharing**

Patty Sarkady offered numerous techniques for utilizing Common Core in the Elective Areas.

## **Curriculum Sharing**

- ◆ May – Nancy Bardo, Oak Park and River Forest (Tentative)

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bear  
Business Committee Chairperson

## **Business Committee Meeting Schedule**

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