

DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 6, 2014

MINUTES

Dr. Anne Cothran called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Administrative Council to order at 8:34 a.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2014 in the Principal's Conference Room at Elmwood Park High School. In attendance: Dr. Anne Cothran (DVR), Dr. Fran Brady (Leyden Dist. 212), Ms. Marcia Bernas (Elmwood Park Dist. 401), Mr. Phil Prale (Oak Park & River Forest Dist. 200), Dr. Tracy Lett (Proviso Dist. 209), Ms. Sheri Costello (Ridgewood Dist. 234), Ms. Patti Farlee (Riverside-Brookfield Dist. 208), Dr. Chuck Bohleke (Triton College), Ms. Denise Yaneck (DVR).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Brady moved, Ms. Costello seconded the motion to approve minutes of the October 2, 2014 meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

FY15 SCHOOL/COLLEGE ALLIANCE WORKSHOP

The evaluation summary from the October 27th workshop was distributed. Participants had very positive reviews and indicated that discussion by the panels was very relevant to the overall focus of the workshop. Discussion by the Council included comments that afternoon breakout sessions need more focus topics; across academic areas some people see Programs of Study as only CTE driven; some do not see the relevance of POS; data is needed on tracking students' paths (post-secondary school, military, employment, etc.).

FY16 SCHOOL/COLLEGE ALLIANCE WORKSHOP

The FY16 workshop is scheduled for Friday, October 23, 2015. The Council briefly discussed ideas for the main topic. Comments included project-based learning across interdisciplinary areas; a futurist keynote speaker; address what our students need to be able to know and do, where they are headed, and how they will get there; how to implement the ideas generated at the workshops. The topic needs to be narrowed down by the next meeting so that Dr. Cothran can proceed with identifying and securing a keynote speaker.

STUDENT CAREER CLUSTER WORKSHOPS

Career Spotlights have been scheduled or are being scheduled as follows.

Manufacturing – November 18, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Oak Park & River Forest)

Finance – November 20, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. (Leyden)

IT – February 18, time TBA (Elmwood Park)

Health – January date to be determined (Proviso)

Engineering Tech – January date to be determined (Riverside-Brookfield)

The Council determined that six students per building can attend. DVR's approved regional budget provides for school van expenses for the Career Spotlights. Schools are to send business office invoices to the DVR office after each event.

For Manufacturing on the 18th, Dr. Cothran reported that the person who will be presenting has now informed her that his program for internships might not be offered to students in our area. A conference call this week to discuss the program is scheduled, and Dr. Cothran will notify the Council

of the results. At this point in time we will proceed with this presenter. By Thursday, November 13th, everyone is send to the DVR office their list of students for Manufacturing. The master list will be compiled and forwarded to Mr. Prale so that he can notify his visitor's desk in advance.

FALL COUNSELOR WORKSHOP

On October 7th, the Pathways Resource Center conducted the fall counselor workshop on Individualized Learning Plans. Dr. Cothran provided a brief recap of the day and stated that it was well received by the participants. The Council received the evaluation summary.

CERTIPOINT TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Certiport provided a one-day training session on October 28th hosted at Proviso Math & Science Academy. Approximately 16 teachers signed up and received advance access to practice software for MOS certification. Due to a technical error by the Certiport technicians in setting up the software, attendees will be receiving vouchers to take the MOS tests at official testing centers which, in our region, are Leyden and Oak Park & River Forest. Teachers must contact the school if they wish to use their vouchers to test at those sites.

WEBSITE CURRICULUM SHARING

Last spring the Council requested that the DVR website provide access for teachers to upload and share lesson plans. Our website developer has worked on creating the lesson sharing area of the site and now needs sample lesson plans to upload and test. Council members were asked to provide lesson plans in the format in which their teachers will be uploading.

DUAL CREDIT

Council members were provided a draft Dual Credit Handbook version 2.0 for review in order to provide recommendations for updates. During the discussion Dr. Cothran incorporated the recommended changes into her working copy of the document. A suggestion was made to add a section on transferability. Time did not permit the Council to go through the entire handbook. A request was made for a subcommittee to review and make suggestions. Dr. Cothran noted that the iTransfer website contains the most updated information on how individual courses may transfer from community college to Illinois universities and can be changed by universities each semester.

MATH

Last year representatives from many of the DVR schools attended the Triton Math Summit. The School/College Alliance has scheduled their first sub-committee meeting for math on December 4, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Interested high school and college staff can attend.

CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE

The annual conference is scheduled for March 25-26, 2015. Presentation proposal applications were distributed.