

**November 21, 2014**  
**DVR Student Services Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Dates for 2014-15**

October 17, 2014

November 21, 2014

December 12, 2014

February 6, 2015

March 13, 2015

April 24, 2015

**2014-15 Goals:**

1. Increased Communication Between the High Schools and Triton
2. Collaborating/Communication About Field Trip Opportunities
3. Career Fair
4. Programs of Study/Make More use of the DVR website—both students and committee

**Meeting Attendees:**

Mike Reingruber, Christine Dewey, Linda Alvarez, Justyna Jablonska, Gina Castellano, Alison Till, Amy Paulus, Carla Williams

**Virtual Job Shadow Demo Follow Up:**

Everyone really liked the program. We talked about everyone emailing Amanda their schools info so she can set up accounts and passwords. Most everyone in the group currently uses Naviance and all agree that the Virtual Job Shadow program allows you to do more with careers. However, everyone also likes all of the college and career info centrally located in one spot, as opposed to using multiple programs.

**Triton College Updates:**

- New Graphic Arts Program. Very Hands on. Will have a social media component and begin in the fall of 2015.
- The new Allied Health building is slated to open in the fall of 2015. State of the art. Will resemble a hospital setting.
- New career life planning course—dual credit. Will pilot in the summer. 8 weeks going over self exploration, identify career pathway and research that pathway.
- Dual credit now being handled by Chuck Boelke (Dean of Business and Technology)—still waiting on Dual Credit offerings.
- January 10<sup>th</sup> is Super Saturday for registration, testing, tour, etc. from 9-3. Let early grads know.

**Summer Career Camps:**

- Spoke about the potential dates.
- Will start marketing them to kids in our schools, once registration is open.

**Mini Career Field Trips Follow-up:**

- Prior to the meeting there were field trips scheduled in Manufacturing at Oak Park and Finance at Leyden.
- I was the only counselor at the meeting (Sarah also attended) the manufacturing field trip and thought it was great. The kids loved it. I thought it was the perfect amount of time and combination of speakers/video.
- I will email Eddie Perez's information to all the school reps in case they have a student looking to get involved in some kind of manufacturing internship or full time job.
- None of the counselors at our meeting had any information on the Finance field trip held at Leyden.
- Mike will forward information on the upcoming field trips to all the schools.

**Other:**

- Gina at Ridgewood talked about a program that Ridgewood is looking to implement.
- It's a Geometry/Construction class. One day is classroom, the next day kids get to use what they learned in class and build. It's a 2 period blocked class.
- Gina and other counselors from Ridgewood have visited Evanston HS and one of the Maine high schools that have very similar programs.
- Reps from Ridgewood are also flying out to Colorado to meet with the school that originally piloted this program and has seen tremendous increases in all their scores from all subgroups.