

**Des Plaines Valley Region
Business Committee
Mid Year Report**

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 on March 4th. 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.

Workshops

We promoted workshops including ACTE-Vision, ICE, NBEA and the Connections Conference. Members attended the Certiport Training opportunity. In addition, information was distributed about an Investment Workshop (Options Trading) at Deerfield High School.

Career Spotlight Presentations

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

Triton College Updates

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

Dr. Griffins explained the certificate/course changes scheduled at Triton. Triton is also looking into a Conflict Resolution course and Health Administration course.

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

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 21st Century skills. Patty Sarkady offered numerous techniques for utilizing Common Core in the CTE Areas.

Respectfully Submitted,

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