

February 6, 2015
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—we need to change this date

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, Gina Castellano, Alison Till, Sarah Venhorst, Marijana Uremovic, Izabela Zurawska

Career Field Trip Upcoming Dates and Times

Last upcoming trip is to Elmwood Park for IT. Each school is marketing the trips in different ways, with different classes, and/or departments. The kids have really enjoyed the different trips. The feedback all of the counselors have received has been very positive.

Summer Career Camps:

- In addition to the two camps we already discussed, Health careers and Food Sanitation, a Coding Camp has been added at Leyden.
- Each school will market these camps to their students when it gets closer to registration opening.

Connections Conference and Dual Credit Summit

- The annual Connections Conference highlighting careers, as well as the Triton Dual Credit Summit, are both being offered on the same day.
- Some of the counselors in our group are going to connections, while others are going to the Dual Credit Summit.

Work Based Learning Article:

- Per Anne's request, we discussed the Work Based learning article.
- Ridgewood has the closest program to this called Geometry Construction. One day is a two period, Geometry class, the next day is a two day construction class. They have received training at a few local high schools (Evanston and Maine West), as well as took a trip to see a

program in Colorado. Ridgewood hopes to have the class build a house and have it the class ready to go in August.

- Ridgewood is also in the beginning stages of planning a Algebra 1/Manufacturing class.
- Riverside Brookfield used to offer a class that ran a school owned restaurant a few blocks from campus. The class did all the marketing, sales, accounting, food prep, etc. and ran all aspects of the business. This class was very beneficial, but was cut a few years ago because of funding.
- Oak Park is currently going through training for a Geometry/Construction class, but it is at the very beginning stages.
- The biggest obstacles some schools are having with a class like these, is funding and scheduling issues with a double-period class.

Budget for this year/next year:

- As a group we discussed the \$500 budget for this year. We would love to spend it, but we don't have many ideas, other than a speaker or a solid career based field trip that we could each bring students to. It would be very difficult to get certain items for each individual school, so those are the only things we can think of that we all could do. So, if you have any ideas we are open to anything at this point, but we are having a hard time coming up with something as a group that fits everyone.
- We don't want to lose the \$500 budget for next year in case we do come up with something that we can collectively do.
- Do you have any suggestions for us in this regard?

Career Planning Course at Triton:

- Unfortunately it will not run this summer.
- Hoping it to be a hybrid (online and classroom) course in the fall.

Other Triton Updates:

- Counselors reported that the Dual Credit process is working better.
- The step by step process has become easier.
- There is a high school senior day on February 16th—registration, tours, testing etc.
- There will be a Leadership Academy in the summer—June 22-23. Counselors will nominate 2-3 soph/jr's from their school.
- Counselor Appreciation Luncheon on April 24th.
- Rolando was promoted to a system director position in Admission. He will be the primary contact for on-campus activities. There will be a new person starting this spring in his role.