

DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION
BOARD OF CONTROL
FEBRUARY 9, 2015

MINUTES

Dr. Kevin Anderson called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Board of Control to order at 8:13 a.m. on Monday, February 9, 2015 in the Boardroom at Triton College. Voting members present: Chairperson Dr. Kevin Anderson (Elmwood Park Dist. 401), Vice Chairperson Dr. Steven Isoye (Oak Park & River Forest Dist. 200), Secretary Ms. Jennifer Kelsall (Ridgewood Dist. 234), Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart (Proviso Dist. 209), Ms. Mary-Rita Moore (Triton College). Dr. Kevin Skinkis (Riverside-Brookfield Dist. 208) arrived during the meeting. Voting member absent: Dr. Nick Polyak (Leyden Dist. 212). Also present: Ms. Cheryl Antonich (Triton College), Dr. Anne Cothran (DVR), Ms. Denise Yaneck (DVR).

CONSENT ITEMS

The following were presented for approval.

- A. January 14, 2015 meeting minutes
- B. Ratification of Perkins payment (\$2,368.41)
- C. Ratification of copier payment (\$156.00)
- D. Ratification of contract payments (Justin Tucker \$4,000; Awesome Dynamic Tech Solutions \$540)
- E. Current bills (\$2,104.22)

Ms. Kelsall moved, Ms. Moore seconded the motion to approve the five consent items as listed.

Roll call vote.

Dr. Isoye – aye

Ms. Kelsall – aye

Dr. Collins-Hart – aye

Ms. Moore – aye

Dr. Anderson – aye

CAREER SPOTLIGHTS

Dr. Cothran provided an update on the Career Spotlights. Students' comments have been very positive. The intent of the Spotlights is to provide career speaker presentations this year, to incorporate field trips next year, and then to offer students opportunities with mentors.

Students who attended the Finance Career Spotlight can participate in a field trip to PricewaterhouseCoopers in Chicago on Tuesday, February 17. Administrative Council members determined that each school will arrange for transportation of their own students.

RASPBERRY PI PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The IT Learning Exchange is offering Raspberry Pi training to the DVR members. Training is scheduled for Friday, February 27, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Room M132 at Triton. Maximum seating is 15.

DIRECTOR EVALUATION FORM

Dr. Anderson distributed the DVR Director's evaluation form and discussed the scoring method. He will forward the document to Board members who are to review and return by March 1.

ALLIANCE PROPOSED CHANGES

The Alliance has asked for feedback on their proposed document changes. Board members expressed approval of the proposed Purpose Statement.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Board received the current expense/revenue report and the status of each district's FY15 grant claims. Work continues on development of the teacher lesson sharing area of the DVR website. DVR purchased subscriptions to Virtual Job Shadow for each school, and at this time all students in our schools have been uploaded into the database so they can access the video clips and resources.

FY16 SCHOOL/COLLEGE ALLIANCE WORKSHOP

The FY16 workshop will continue to build on the previous years' workshops with the overall theme of Programs of Study. Dr. Cothran reported on the Administrative Council's planning to-date. She has secured commitments from the following, and the Council recommends proceeding with these presenters.

Opening Comments – Dr. Lopez, Associate Superintendent of Teaching and Learning,
High School District 214

Case Example of Integrated Projects – Chris Magee, College and Career Academy Coach,
Rockford Public Schools

Small Group Teamwork for participants – Northwestern University Office of STEM
Education Programs (OSEP)

External Partner – Siemens Corporation

Dr. Skinkis moved, Dr. Collins-Hart seconded the motion to approve the Administrative Council's recommendations for FY16 School/College Alliance Workshop presenters. All ayes; motion carried.

FY16 BUDGETING

The Administrative Council reviewed the current list of DVR regional activities and provided recommendations for which activities to continue or discontinue in FY16. Recommendations are as follows.

Continue: Career Spotlights
Spotlight Site Visits
Virtual Job Shadow
Website Maintenance
Math in CTE Training
October School/College Alliance Workshop

Discontinue: Career Camps
Teacher Workplace Experience
Counselor Workshop
Other Teacher Training (i.e. Certiport, Raspberry Pi, etc.) if DVR needs to budget

Dr. Cothran provided information regarding these activities, including:
Career Camps can be discontinued as the Career Spotlights have been very successful, are impacting far more students, and do not require the funding necessary to run the camps.
Discontinuing Teacher Workplace Experience will free up those funds for use on activities that will provide much greater impact on students in the classroom.

For the FY16 School/College Alliance Workshop, the fee for the Northwestern team's extensive planning to create a customized program for us is \$7,500. There will be no fee for Dr. Laslo, and the Rockford team has requested that DVR purchase supplies for their program (a minimal amount not yet specified). Dr. Cothran noted that historically, DVR has paid an individual workshop presenter as much as \$5,500. She has compared the anticipated total regional program actual expenditures for FY15 with the projected FY16 regional program expenses. In this current year we received an additional CTEI allocation in December, but it is not known whether we will receive additional funds in FY16. Dr. Collins-Hart moved, Dr. Isoye seconded the motion to approve the Administrative Council's recommendations for continuing and discontinuing regional programs as listed. All ayes; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Isoye moved, Ms. Kelsall seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 a.m. All ayes; motion carried.