



DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION  
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
MARCH 5, 2015

MINUTES

Dr. Anne Cothran called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Administrative Council to order at 8:35 a.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2015 in Room T138 at Triton College. In attendance: Dr. Anne Cothran (DVR), Dr. Nicolas Wade (Elmwood Park Dist. 401), 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

Ms. Costello moved, Ms. Farlee seconded the motion to approve minutes of the February 5, 2015 meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

GRANT ACTIVITIES

AC members are to submit projected FY16 grant activities to the DVR office by Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Also, updates on current year activities must be submitted by Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

At last month's meeting the Administrative Council discussed our regional activities. Members had provided input on which activities would be beneficial to maintain as well as recommendations for those that should be discontinued. Dialogue continued at this meeting, including discussion on counselor involvement. The Council recognized that there may be value in continuing with counselor workshops and other teacher training as they become available.

SCHOOL/COLLEGE ALLIANCE WORKSHOP

Dr. Cothran listed the speakers/facilitators for the October 23, 2015 workshop. Council members are requested to send their district's participant names to the DVR office before spring break.

BEST PRACTICES NOMINATIONS

The FY15 forms are available on the DVR website. Nominations are due to the DVR office by Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

WORK-BASED LEARNING

Articles on work-based learning were distributed. During discussion, Council members noted a few issues of concern such as insurance coverage related to student transportation, and the question of background checks on employees at businesses where students are doing internships. Dr. Cothran requested that Council members have further discussions on how to encourage work-based learning in our schools.

DUAL CREDIT HANDBOOK

Dean Bohleke distributed the January working copy. He discussed changes in the handbook, tiers and requirements for instructors, and the Compass test. An updated copy with the incorporated changes will be emailed to everyone. Triton is in the process of putting in place a full-time dual credit representative.

## DUAL CREDIT SUMMIT

The Summit will be held at Triton on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Time, location, and brief details were provided. Participants are to register through the link on Triton's website.

Dr. Cothran, Dean Bohleke, and Annette Rayburn (Proviso) have been working together to review certificates to determine opportunities for students to earn certificates while at the same time completing their high school requirements.

Triton can arrange for a cohort of high school students in a particular program, provided the minimum number of seats are filled.

The current master list of dual credit offerings is in each Council member's handbook that was distributed at the beginning of the school year, and is also available on the DVR website.

## RASPBERRY PI UPDATE

Training was held February 27<sup>th</sup>. The list of participants was distributed. Teachers showed enthusiasm about this training and are eager to implement the devices in their curriculum.

## PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS FIELD TRIP

Students attended a PricewaterhouseCoopers field trip on February 17<sup>th</sup>. PwC was very welcoming to our students and provided a great experience for them. PwC also collected surveys from the participants and sent comments to Dr. Cothran.

## CAREER SPOTLIGHTS

The regional calendar is being compiled, and it is anticipated that next month we will be able to select dates for next year's Career Spotlights.

## GRANT EXPENSE CLAIMS

Council members received the status of their grant expense claims to-date.