

**Des Plaines Valley Region
Business Committee
Minutes May 5, 2015 Meeting
Elmwood Park High School**

In attendance – Karen Bear, Elmwood Park; Devin Hughes, Triton College; Julia Wicklund, Ridgewood; Nancy Bardo, OPRF; Lauren Martire, Leyden; Barb Burchill, Proviso East; Shaurae Winfield, Proviso West.

Tech Share Workshop

We reviewed the evaluations from the Tech Share event held in March and determined that the event was very successful. The 18 participants scored the event with an average of 10 out of 10 with very positive comments.

Lauren Martire and Amy Gorzynski of Leyden were particularly effective in demonstrating the myriad ways we could use Google Apps in our classrooms. In addition, Brian Davis of OPRF presented other techniques to use Google in the classroom. Marcia Bernas presented some tech tools as well. A favorite part of the day was favorite lesson and apps shared by all the participants. The strong consensus was to continue Tech Share next year although we prefer a date in February.

Workshops

Members reported that the *NBEA* in Chicago and the Connections Conference were effective and time well spent. Lauren Martire from Leyden partnered with Mundelein to present a workshop at the Connections Conference on their TSI program. Julia Wicklund from Ridgewood presented a session on their Job Shadow program. Nancy Bardo attended Financial Literacy and Economics Summits sponsored by Economics Illinois and the Federal Reserve.

Dual Credit

Devin W. Hughes, Triton Dual Credit Coordinator attended and promoted the dual credit programs:
He is:

1. creating a Dual Credit Café Blackboard shell as a communication website which will have forms, information and Q & A.
2. offering to come speak to any school promoting Dual Credit and the DVR Program of Studies website as it suits the school.

Teacher Work Experience

Members submitted some names of TWE participants from their schools. There are 12 slots available to be filled. TWE is scheduled for June 9th and 10th. Sites visited will be Cornfield, Inc. and Nicor Gas.

Opportunities Reminder

Illinois Technology Foundation - Karen introduced a group that can help in the technology area. The Illinois Technology Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the development of the technology talent pipeline in the State of Illinois. They provide speakers, mentors and programs.

Curriculum Sharing

Julia Wicklund of Ridgewood explained their Job Shadow program which served 170 students.

Career Camps

Karen provided a summary sheet of the career camps available this summer. Members were encouraged to share the information with their students.

Goals for 2015-2016

- Continue the Tech Share program with a focus on social media
- Maintain and try to increase the number of dual credit courses at the high schools
- Focus on marketing techniques for CTE courses
- Focus curriculum sharing sessions of our meetings on investments

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bear, Chairperson, Business Committee