



DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION  
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
MAY 7, 2015

MINUTES

Dr. Anne Cothran called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Administrative Council to order at 8:38 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at Proviso Math & Science Academy. In attendance: Dr. Anne Cothran (DVR), 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, Dr. Lett seconded the motion to approve minutes of the April 16, 2015 meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

STATUS OF GRANT CLAIMS

Council members received the status of their grant expense claims to-date. Council members must be mindful that it can take ISBE up to 30 days to approve an amendment. Dr. Cothran reviewed the over/underspending allowance limit that determines whether an amendment is required. Council members are to first contact Dr. Cothran to review their changes before submitting an amendment. Everyone is to submit their final expenditures to their boards in June so DVR can process reimbursements and close out the year.

CAREER CAMPS REGISTRATION

Registration opened April 13<sup>th</sup> and will close on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Brochures are available on the DVR website. At this time students signed up for camps include three in Coding, three in Food Sanitation, and six in Health Careers.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

After testifying at the House Appropriations Committee meeting on CTE, Dr. Cothran was asked for follow-up information on programs in Illinois. She has since met with representatives and created an informational newsletter with broad representation of how our schools are utilizing CTE funding. Copies of the newsletter were distributed to the Council. Per the Council's recommendation, Dr. Cothran will invite State Superintendent Tony Smith to the Engineering Career Spotlight that will be held at Oak Park & River Forest High School in September.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE FINAL REPORTS

The Council received final reports from Family & Consumer Science, Engineering Technology, and Student Services. The Business Education committee's final meeting was Tuesday and the report will be forwarded to everyone when received by the DVR office.

## FY16 PRIORITIES

The Council reviewed the list of FY15 priorities that had been identified for the program committees. They also reviewed the FY16 goals that the chairpersons submitted with their FY15 final reports. Programs of Study remains our overall focus. The Student Services committee has requested a workshop on trends in the workforce/changes in the workplace. The Council agreed that the best timing for such a workshop would be late September. There was some discussion about addressing non-traditional careers and internships. Dr. Cothran distributed information on the Career Safe OSHA 10-hour general industry safety training.