



DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION  
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 1, 2015

MINUTES

Dr. Anne Cothran called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Administrative Council to order at 8:40 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2015 in Room 213 at Oak Park & River Forest High School. In attendance: Dr. Anne Cothran (DVR), Dr. Fran Brady (Leyden Dist. 212), Ms. Marcia Bernas (Elmwood Park Dist. 401), Mr. Phil Prale (Oak Park & River Forest Dist. 200), Ms. Sheri Costello (Ridgewood Dist. 234), Ms. Patti Farlee (Riverside-Brookfield Dist. 208), Ms. Denise Yaneck (DVR).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Prale moved, Ms. Farlee seconded the motion to approve minutes of the September 17, 2015 meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

READING IN CTE WORKSHOP

The Council discussed the recent workshop conducted by Donna Ogle. Comments included the fact that there was less time than expected to work on lesson plans; the information and statistics presented were helpful, but some teachers felt it was what they are already doing in their classes; participants wanted more time to collaborate. Lessons are being uploaded into the DVR website. The Council received the workshop evaluation summary.

The Council also discussed taking this workshop to the next level, particularly in terms of collaboration. The TESA model was suggested (Teacher Expectations and Student Achievement) to create a workshop for each of the areas of Business Education, Family & Consumer Science, and IT. Each workshop would be held at a different school in the Region. The Council agreed to move forward with planning the workshops and to determine the host schools.

CAREER SPOTLIGHTS

An updated schedule was distributed. The Manufacturing field trip is strictly for juniors and seniors; the location has not yet been finalized. Dr. Cothran is reconfirming the numbers of students and chaperones who can participate in each field trip. Microsoft will not provide lunch, so Dr. Cothran is working on lunch arrangements for the participants. AC members suggested each chaperon pay for lunch and submit receipts to DVR for reimbursement.

Last year CompTIA conducted the Raspberry Pi training. Follow-up training is offered this year and will be held in Arlington Heights.

A half-day workshop in computer networking may be held, and Dr. Cothran will explore the possibility of DVR hosting. The Council agreed that February would be a viable month.

MATH IN CTE WORKSHOP

Dr. Cothran has explored a replacement for the AMPED workshop. Dr. James Stone is available in February to conduct a one-day workshop on incorporating math in CTE. A draft outline of the program for training in math in IT was presented. Teacher teams will participate, with a minimum of 16 teachers. Leyden is available to host on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Riverside-Brookfield could host on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Elmwood Park will confirm which date they are available. Dr. Cothran will check with Dr. Stone on the dates.