DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
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MINUTES

INTRODUCTIONS
Valerie Scarlata from Triton CIS/ cybersecurity working on new courses and certificate and degree offerings, has visited several high schools in our area, visited classrooms, doing Cyber League this fall open to students from HS and college, security competitions with student challenges which take place online. HS students would be working with college students, be exposed to cybersecurity opportunities, free. Free learning without a lot of pressure, can participate as observers, opens October 9th, leads Chicago Google developers with hackathons, looking at new dual credit opportunities to develop in high schools, October cybersecurity month, Triton doing cyber-league. Handed out her card with contact info to everyone.

Peter Jaswilk, Dean Health Careers, introduced himself and mentioned features of the new state-of-art H building. EYE care curriculum will be updated in FY16 so available for students to take in FY17, by which time they expect to have faculty lined up.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion to approve minutes Dr. Brady, Mr. Bohleke seconded. Motion passed.

REVIEW OF EVALUATIONS FROM SUMMER CAMPS AND TWE
Dean Bohleke expressed interest in Triton creating summer camps with industry backing. Antigonne does middle school camps now, and Dean Bohleke would like to expand and add CIS opportunities. Peter would like to continue the health career camps. Dr. Cothran noted everyone likes camps, but logistical issues in the past included student food, low registration numbers, etc. Dean Bohleke is also interested in doing activities for teachers with industry, in which AC members expressed interest.

CAREER SPOTLIGHTS
Schools have been told they cannot use school vans, rather, they need to use actual school buses, so DVR needs to increase transportation budget for this year's Career Spotlights.
Marcia Bernas said the EP physics teacher wants a clear agenda for all spotlight programs to justify taking students out of school. Discussion on getting agendas in advance for each spotlight. Dr. Cothran stated the presenters ask what students are coming and what their interest is, but we receive names late enough that we have been unable to answer those questions.
Nick Wade stated last year EP students liked the fieldtrip, but less the presentation.
The question was raised, if students are interested in a career field, how do we help them know what credentials prepare them for? Students are engaged by looking at what they are able to do/see projects professionals are working on. Can that be the focus of the Spotlights?
Fran will start a shared-doc for people to compile goals for what comes out of the presentation and/or field trip.
Soma/Siemens had stated they are willing to arrange job shadowing, schools will give Dr. Cothran counts of interested students through the region.

CIVICS
Discussion of new civics requirement of one class before graduation and possible increase of civics requirements to a civics class every year. Individual application of the civics requirement across districts is being developed. Dr. Cothran reminded everyone that as individual residents anyone can file witness slips with the House or Senate Education Committees when they are discussing particular pieces of legislation.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT SCHEDULE
Mr. Prale motion to accept, Dr. Brady seconded. Motion passed

WISH LIST FOR POS MONEY
Additional transportation bus money for spotlight events
Ridgewood moving to integrated curriculum model, proposing modified AMPED for manufacturing. Develop model locally? Sheri will talk to School/College Alliance math committee to discuss . . . possible math symposium? Start with CTE, find core class to partner with it. Collaborative work.
The question was raised, would integrated courses require paying for team teaching? Schools do not have the extra money.
The question was raised, would superintendents be interested in development of an integrated CTE/Math course available to use in all our schools?
Leyden has 14 teachers in IT, 6 in manufacturing, so Fran is interested in IT area for CTE? Math integration.
Triton has a math in CIS course, but needs to shore up the math caliber.
Val Scarlata has visited OPRF teachers - approaching from CIS perspective.
Business, math and computer science need algebra 2.
It was noted that math for IT includes Logic systems, Boolean, etc
Math and IT teachers as partners would be worth exploring - have Valerie involved in planning?
Full day with a.m. seminar about looking at industry, afternoon to talk about where is the math in IT. One person expressed reservations about using a school day, but majority of AC expressed preference based on being assured teachers would attend during contract time. Tentatively plan a February event. AC asked if grants could pay for both CTE and math subs? Dr. Cothran said if they participate as a team, both subs would be covered.

OCTOBER WORKSHOP
Most had no preference about Partnership vs. Equity breakout session, but two preferred to keep 2 breakouts on Partnerships.

DUAL CREDIT
Dean Bohleke said the Dual credit Coordinator position interviews are being done.
Currently requested dual credit classes in High Schools – have 16 resumes and transcripts received, need to identify what teacher wants to teach, which must link to current course already offered at Triton.
Adjunct faculty applications submitted in May and June, but college faculty gone for summer, so could not get feedback from college.
Revision on dual credit handbook should be ready for next spring. Dean Bohleke asked that schools give their teachers copies of dual credit handbook. He is working on a separate handbook for teachers . . . how to file grades, etc.

Observations in HS classroom will probably be needed, based on Higher Ed Commission.
He is working on literature for the cohorts. The initial auto cohort includes a course that upon consideration would be too difficult for a high school.
Dual credit summit date not set, will work with DVR on finding a good date.
Triton hackathon date Oct.9.
It was noted that the number one job category in Cook County is in IT.