

**Des Plaines Valley Region
Business Committee
Minutes—November 12, 2015
Elmwood Park High School**

The following members were present: Karen Bear, Elmwood Park High School, Lauren Martire, Leyden High School, Nancy Bardo, Oak Park River Forest, Patty Sarkady, Riverside Brookfield, Julia Wicklund, Ridgewood.

Partnership Meeting Review

Patty Sarkady attended and reviewed the meeting. The keynote presentation was well received. Patty's feedback about the sessions was as follows:

The first session in which the presenter had no way to modify her information for non-fiction text: Novel Engineering. Good idea for English teachers teaching novels, not so good idea for the rest of us who teach non-fiction.

The second session was AMAZING: Design Thinking. I can't say enough nice things about this one. The presenter, Sachin Jhunjunwala is a teacher at Evanston High School. He was incredible. Gave me and our IT teacher some great ideas as to how to create an interdisciplinary project together

Triton College Updates

We reviewed the policies and process for Dual Credit courses at Triton. Ridgewood is working with Triton to add classes.

Dr. William Griffin communicated some changes at Triton.

1. Financial Accounting 101 will go to 4 credit hours beginning in Fall 2016.
2. New Bookkeeping Certificate begins in Fall 2016.
3. Our Advisory Business Meeting was held last week. Thanks to Nancy Bardo for attending.
4. Our Entrepreneurial and Innovation Center will debut in the Spring 2016 Semester.
5. We are planning on inviting Attorney General Lisa Madigan to speak at our next Executive Series Meeting Spring 2016 (tentative).

Career Spotlight Presentations

Information was given about the spotlights. Some of the members were not aware of all the spotlights and dates. That may be based on the topics. They may not teach those classes.

The Accounting spotlight feedback was lukewarm. The students said the speakers seemed nervous and could not answer questions. The average rating was 4 out of 10. They felt their time could have been better spent in Accounting class. The students were excited about the Price Waterhouse meeting but only a small percentage will be able to attend that session.

Tech Share Workshop

Plans were made for our Tech Share Workshop which will be held on February 19th (**NOTE DATE CHANGE**) at East Leyden in Library Classroom C. So far, 24 teachers are scheduled to attend. All teachers will be asked to bring lesson plans to add to the DVR website. In addition, they will bring materials and ideas to share.

Marketing CTE Courses

Discussion was held on methods that can be used to market CTE courses. Emphasis was put on exciting classes and coordination with counselors. Displaying finished student work also builds class numbers.

New Courses

Ridgewood is considering four classes: Manufacturing with Algebra II, Fashion II, Investing and Careers, College and Life Skills.

Oak Park is adding Entrepreneurship and renaming Consumer to Financial Literacy.

Riverside Brookfield is adding Game Design and Animation.

Workshops

Patty and Patti from Riverside Brookfield are attending ACTE to present sessions on Formative Assessments.

Curriculum Sharing

- ◆ May – Patty Sarkady, Formative Assessments

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bear
Business Committee Chairperson

Business Committee Meeting Schedule

- ◆ **Friday, February 19th,(Tech Share), Location East Leyden HS**
- ◆ **Tuesday, May 3rd, Elmwood Park High School, 12:30**