

**Des Plaines Valley Region
Business Committee
Mid Year Report**

Summer Programs

A great deal of discussion was held about the successful Teacher Workplace Experience held in summer. The committee members are unanimous in their wish that this valuable program and the very popular Health Career Camp be reinstated next year.

Update of Dual Credit progress and Triton 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. Financial Accounting 101 will go to 4 credit hours beginning in Fall 2016. A new Bookkeeping Certificate begins in Fall 2016. The Entrepreneurial and Innovation Center will debut in the Spring 2016 Semester. A new Accounting Assistant Program in the works along with a CPA Pathway Program. They are planning on inviting Attorney General Lisa Madigan to speak at our next Executive Series Meeting Spring 2016 (tentative).

Nancy Bardo represented the committee at Triton's Advisory Business Meeting on November 4th.

Career Spotlights

We reviewed the career spotlights. The committee members would like there to be follow-up, feedback surveys for student and teacher attendees. They felt that site visits would be more beneficial. They believe that the Price Waterhouse visit was so positive because PW put together a solid agenda.

Tech Share Workshop

In response to the business teachers of the area requests we decided to hold another Tech Share workshop this year. The event will be held at East Leyden High School in Library Classroom C on Friday, February 19th. The invitation is open to CTE teachers from the region. 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.

Workshops

Members of the committee are planning to attend several professional conferences this year. Barb Burchill attended IBEA Conference Nov. 11-13 in Springfield. She noted that on the pre-day of the conference free Microsoft Certification testing was available. Some members attended NBEA Conference in Las Vegas with many attending the Connections Conference in March. Patty and Patti from Riverside Brookfield are attending ACTE to present sessions on Formative Assessments.

Curriculum Sharing

Nancy shared her excellent investment unit materials and strategies. Karen Bear shared materials on elevator pitches.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bear
Business Committee Chairperson