

DVR Technology & Engineering Committee

Mid-Year Report 2015-16

2015-16 Goals are to:

1. Develop relationships with local companies.
2. Complete professional development around common equipment & credentials.
3. Develop articulation and with Triton College and partnerships Middle School programs.
4. Develop marketing strategies to promote programs.

Meeting 1 – Friday, October 16th , 2015

Topics: All Technology & Engineering

Meeting Took Place at Illinois Technology Educator's Conference (ITEC) Normal, Illinois

In Attendance: Frank Holthouse – Leyden, Ryan VenHorst & Nick Michalek – Oak Park and River Forest, Brian Collier – Ridgewood

Goal 1: Members attended various breakout sessions on topics ranging from Illinois Career Clusters to creating STEM clubs. Various vendors were also on site to provide help and demonstrations of emerging technology. This helped members meet our second goal of professional development.

Goal 2: Dual credit agreements for several courses have been signed by Leyden and have been submitted to Triton for approval. Oak Park and River Forest has completed the registration and placement testing for this year's students. It was noted that sometimes students receive duplicate communications between Triton and Oak Park River Forest. This helped members meet our third goal of articulation.

Goal 3: A new robotics club has been started at Oak Park River Forest. Leyden had a lot of student participation from their engineering club. This helped members meet our fourth goal of promoting our programs.

Meeting 2 – Friday, November 13th, 2015

Topics Engineering & Manufacturing Focus

Triton T-164 River Grove, IL

In Attendance: Frank Holthouse – Leyden, Nick Michalek – Oak Park and River Forest, Eduardo Rodriquez - Proviso, David Weishaar – Riverside Brookfield, Brian Collier - Ridgewood, Antigone Sharris and Andrea Blaylock - Triton

Goal 4: 21 Education and industry members were present at this meeting. Deltrol, A1, Manor, Scott Forge reviewed apprentice and internship programs. Most had the same process of interviewing, working, with eventually funding training.

Future Meetings

- Construction Focus - Friday, February 26th (Looking for Host Location)
- Automotive Focus - Friday, March 4th(Looking for Host Location)