

**Des Plaines Valley Region
Business Committee
Minutes—May 3, 2016
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, Shaurae Winfield of Proviso East.

Triton College Updates

We reviewed the policies and process for Dual Credit courses at Triton. Ridgewood is working with Triton. Karen mentioned the Cece Samp is very helpful with dual class paperwork.

Dr. William Griffin communicated that Triton has a new center developed by him in partnership with local business leaders and organizations, The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center will host industry experts that will provide support, advice and ongoing services for small and medium businesses throughout the area.

“Our goal is to serve as an educational center and that will help local employers and aspiring entrepreneurs by providing practical advice and guidance in an effort to help them establish and grow their business,” said Dr. Griffin.

Through the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center, informative lectures and workshops will cover topics including business planning, marketing, accounting, financing options and legal aspects of starting and growing a business.

Tech Share Workshop

We reviewed the evaluations from the Tech Share event held in February and determined that the event was very successful. The participants scored the event with an average of 10 out of 10 with very positive comments.

Amy Gorzynski of Leyden presented curriculum on Digital Literacy and Citizenship. Earliana McLaurin of Oak Park River Forest and Luca Ciccolini of Ridgewood High School demonstrated ways to use Google Classroom. Marcia Bernas presented some tech tools which were well received. David Weishaar of Riverside Brookfield shared Design Thinking concepts. We were pleased to have Jason Markey, Principal of East Leyden High School, teach us about professional uses of Twitter. A favorite part of the day was favorite lesson and apps shared by all the participants. The strong consensus was to continue Tech Share next year.

Workshops

Members reported that the *NBEA* in Las Vegas and the Connections Conference were effective and time well spent. Patty mentioned that the Illinois Career Information System was worth investigating.

Dual Credit

We reviewed Dual Credit process. Karen said that Cece Samp was very helpful in managing her Dual Credit Programs with Triton.

Teacher Work Experience

Members brought up their concern that the TWE program had not been reinstated. They stated that it was the most significant professional development program for them. It was suggested that we make it a goal to continue advocating for its return.

Curriculum Sharing

Patty Sarcady shared multiple formative assessments with us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bear
Business Committee Chairperson