

DVR Meeting

October 4, 2016

Culinary

Members Present: Chef Denise Smith-Gaborit (Triton), Christopher Clem (Triton), Frank Holthouse (Leyden), Kristina Belpedio (Oak Park-River Forest), Natalie Kaminski (Oak Park-River Forest), Alicia Kadlitz (Leyden), Valarie Berger (Leyden),

1. Lunch

- a. The fabulous lunch was provided by Triton's culinary students.
- b. Thank you to Triton for providing a great culinary experience that truly showcases your program.

2. Staff Changes at Triton

- a. Chef Denise updated us on the staff changes at Triton.
- b. Chef Denise has replaced Ched as department head.

3. Dual Credit Reporting

- a. How to report grades for dual credit students.
 - i. High School/Adjunct teachers will need to send in the grade on a spreadsheet to Jameta Rogers.
 - ii. The spreadsheet will need semester average, final exam, and final grade.
 - iii. Their credit will then appear on their Triton transcript.
- b. Frank Holthouse is organizing a testing day at Leyden.
 - i. All Leyden dual credit students will be able to take the Triton entrance test the same day at their high school.
 - ii. There will be one final push to enroll dual credit students.

4. Proprietary Schools

- a. The proprietary schools are struggling to maintain their state accreditation.
- b. Le Cordon Bleu/CHIC has lost their accreditation.
- c. This puts students in a precarious situation with the loss of credits and money when this occurs during their attendance at that school.

5. Advisory Councils

- a. Chef Denise discussed the upcoming fall advisory council meeting for Triton.
- b. Triton is open to having one regional culinary advisory councils that is comprised of: Triton, all feed high schools, and professionals in the culinary field.
- c. Chef Denise will extend the invitation to all schools for the spring advisory council meeting.
- d. Current advisory council members will be polled to determine the best time of day for the meeting.

6. Triton Cook-Off

- a. Chef Denise is hoping to again offer the annual Triton Cook-Off.
- b. Details and pictures of the event were shared. This event is very well received by the students, and is a very positive experience for everyone.
- c. Chef Denise will look at some April dates.

7. Cupcake Wars

- a. Leyden shared their version of "Cupcake Wars" with the group.
- b. Pictures, process, and library collaboration was discussed as well as media coverage.