



DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 3, 2016

MINUTES

Dr. Anne Cothran called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Administrative Council to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2016 in the Principal’s Conference Room at Elmwood Park High School. In attendance: Dr. Anne Cothran (DVR), Mr. Frank Holthouse (Leyden Dist. 212), Mr. Jim Jennings (Elmwood Park Dist. 401), Mr. Eric Lasky (Ridgewood Dist. 234), Mr. Dave Monti (Riverside-Brookfield Dist. 208), Dr. Chuck Bohleke (Triton College), Ms. Denise Yaneck (DVR).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Jennings moved, Dr. Bohleke seconded the motion to approve minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

OCTOBER WORKSHOP

Dr. Cothran thanked AC members who helped with the sign-in table and brought equipment for use at the October 21st School/College Alliance Workshop. She distributed a compilation of workshop evaluations. As a foundation for future planning, Dr. Cothran provided the AC with a historical review of the structure of the workshops and building on the Programs of Study theme. AC members agreed that they like the theme idea; participants like the structure of a keynote session with breakouts; hearing outside speakers adds validity to our programs; there is great value in having time to talk with colleagues to share ideas; all content areas should be involved in order to address Programs of Study and properly preparing students; we need to use the community college to highlight our students’ success and where they end up.

The recommendation for next year’s workshop is to focus on credentials, which includes certifications and career opportunities for our area. The AC agreed that we should focus the next four years as follows.

- FY18 – POS and Credentials and Apprenticeships
- FY19 – POS and Career Advisement
- FY20 – POS and Employer Engagement
- FY21 – POS and Program Quality

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Dr. Cothran provided links for Virtual Economics 4.5 and Invest It Forward (mentor matching) and asked AC members to let know if they are interested in having their students become involved. Under the new GATA requirements, schools must report details and must report more often on grant-supported activities. For the online reporting surveys developed by Dr. Cothran, she has given AC members access rights to view the list of respondents and their answers.

Elmwood Park students recently participated in the Career Spotlight field trip to Google. The company might be able to offer a field trip in the spring prior to May for another group of students. Schools with students in advanced IT classes should contact Dr. Cothran if interested. Last year, the Career Spotlight field trips provided for a few students from each school to participate. For this year, the AC had decided that one school would “own” a field trip therefore allowing that school to take all of the available seats and send a larger group. The AC will consider if they want to change how participation is determined for next year.

BUSINESS ADVISORIES

AC members received multiple copies of the book on building advisory boards and were asked to distribute them to CTE teachers and discuss current advisories.

DVR PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Business Education Committee Chairperson Karen Bear was present to provide an overview of the committee’s activities. Among her discussion points were the schools’ good representation at meetings, professional development including Tech Share (the committee’s self-developed professional development through which curriculum and ideas are shared), and Career Spotlights. Dr. Bohleke will inform Ms. Bear when the IT advisory meeting date is set so that her committee members can participate. She stated Fridays are the least desirable for having high school teachers attend. The AC had no questions for Ms. Bear.

GRANT FUNDS

Everyone should check their respective district’s monthly detail summary reports. Grant expense claims should be submitted monthly regardless of how large or small the amount. Dr. Cothran should be consulted if it appears an amendment is necessary. CTEI and Perkins amendments will be processed in the next few days, so amendments should not be needed.

HOUR OF CODE

Hour of Code is scheduled for December 5-11. Schools are encouraged to have their students participate and are asked to notify the DVR office if they will be involved this year.

STATE SURVEYS

As noted at the last meeting, AC members can still schedule an individual meeting with Dr. Cothran to address the state-required surveys on Business Partner Required Credentials and School Pathways.

OTHER

Dr. Cothran provided information on the upcoming ISBE budget hearings. The date in Chicago is November 18th.