



DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
DECEMBER 8, 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, December 8, 2016 in Room M118 at Triton College. In attendance: Dr. Anne Cothran (DVR), Mr. Frank Holthouse (Leyden Dist. 212), Mr. Jim Jennings (Elmwood Park Dist. 401), Mr. Phil Prale (Oak Park & River Forest Dist. 200), Ms. Antoinette Rayburn (Proviso Dist. 209), Mr. Eric Lasky (Ridgewood Dist. 234), Mr. Dave Monti (Riverside-Brookfield Dist. 208), Dr. Chuck Bohleke (Triton College), Ms. Cheryl Antonich (Triton College), Mr. Dave Anderson (Triton College), Ms. Denise Yaneck (DVR).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the November 3, 2016 meeting were approved.

COURSE/PROGRAM UPDATES

Council members who have not already done so, are to schedule individual meetings with Dr. Cothran to discuss program updates.

GRANT ACTIVITIES

Dr. Cothran discussed grant performance measures, which are based on legislation, and what the State expects in our reporting. Our grants in IWAS include information on activities funded through the grants, expected results, and impact of those activities in relation to grant performance indicators. Districts need to be able to provide data (numbers of participants, etc.) in the activity reporting.

DVR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council members received previous final reports to review in relation to the program committees' activities, and they received an excerpt from the Program Committee Handbook with bullet points about committee responsibilities. Current mid-year reports have been received from FCS and Business. Council members expressed positive comments about what the committees are accomplishing. A question was raised as to making connections between the groups. Discussion included the topic of Career Spotlights. Dr. Cothran distributed students' responses to surveys from Career Spotlight presentations and field trips; overall their feedback has been very positive. Schools can take as many students as are interested to the presentations at the high schools. Field trips to business sites are intended for students who have a sincere interest in the career area, and the number of participants is dictated by the host business site. Council members agreed that Career Spotlights are positive career activities for students and should be continued.

BUSINESS ADVISORIES

Triton has invited high school teachers to first semester advisories in culinary, manufacturing, and computer information systems. Council members each shared about their respective school's status on business advisory meetings.

GRANT FUNDS

Districts have been asked to be conservative on amending grants due to time constraints at ISBE. Some schools have expressed the need to amend in December due to some conference travel deadlines. GATA caused a ripple effect due to late grant approval this year. The Connections Conference might not be held, and this would necessitate the schools to amend and remove the conference from their budgets. Amendments must be submitted by December 20th.

DUAL CREDIT

Dr. Bohleke discussed notes from a report by Jameta Rodgers. He discussed efforts toward a multiple measures approach with regard to student placement. Mr. Anderson discussed fact that companies are requiring non-IT people to have some programming knowledge. Triton previously offered a social media certificate, but there was lack of interest. He raised the question as to whether they should revisit the idea. There was discussion about qualifications for teaching dual credit. There is positive contact between high school and Triton faculty.

BEST PRACTICES RECOMMENDATIONS

Each year Council members submit recommendation for Best Practices recognition. Forms are available on the DVR website. The due date is March 1st.

ISBE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT

Dr. Cothran has not been notified of the dates for our Technical Assistance Visit, but she has been told to expect it to occur before May.

BUSINESS PARTNER E-SURVEY

Previously Dr. Cothran shared a link for the State Employer Survey on credentials. Dr. Cothran thanked Mr. Monti for his part in entering the required information. Schools need to respond to this ISBE-requested survey. The deadline has been extended from December 1st to the 16th.