

**Des Plaines Valley Region
Business Committee
End-of-Year Report 2015-2016**

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.

Goals for 2015-2016

- Advocate for the reinstatement of the Teacher Work Experience program
- Continue the Tech Share program with a focus on social media
- Maintain and try to increase the number of dual credit courses at the high schools
- Focus on marketing techniques for CTE courses
- Continue curriculum sharing sessions at our meetings

Business Committee Meeting Schedule 2016-2017

- Tuesday, October 4th, Elmwood Park High School, 12:30
- Tuesday, November 15th, Elmwood Park High School, 12:30
- Tech Share – March 3rd, (Tentative Location Leyden HS)
- Thursday, May 4th, Elmwood Park High School, 12:30

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bear, Chairperson, Business Committee