

**Des Plaines Valley Region  
Business Committee  
Minutes—May 4, 2017  
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, Barb Burchill, Proviso West/

**Dual Credit Progress**

Julia Wicklund reported that there has been no progress in developing the dual credit program at Ridgewood because Triton told them that they lost all the applications from Ridgewood. Lauren Martire confirmed that the same problem occurred with Leyden applications.

Patty Sarkady suggested that teachers at Riverside Brookfield are not really interested because Loyola already grants dual credit with less difficulty than with Triton.

**Triton College Updates**

Dr. William Griffin communicated that the Triton College of Business sought approval for their new CPA Pathway Certificate on Thursday this week. Once approved by Triton's Curriculum Committee and then approval by the Illinois Community College Board the CPA Pathway Certificate Program which will satisfy the "150" rule effective as of July 1, 2013. The program is designed to provide the extra hours that are necessary beyond a traditional Bachelor of Science Degree to fulfill the course work required to sit for the CPA Exam. Once approvals are completed the Triton College of Business will begin offering the Certificate in Fall 2018 most likely in a cohort

**Tech Share Workshop**

We reviewed the evaluations from the Tech Share event held in March 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.

Luca Cicolini of Ridgewood presented techniques on Teaching across the Content Areas. We learned about Social Media and Promotion via Snapchat from Peter Hostrawser, Oak Park River Forest. Julia Wicklund shared tech ideas she learned at the ICE conference. Karen Bear, Elmwood Park, presented information on Mobile Makers and suggested that it would be helpful to work together as an area. We also held an Open Forum on a Tech Support Internship, Incubator and other topics. In addition, we enjoyed sharing favorite lessons, ideas, apps and podcasts. The strong consensus was to continue Tech Share next year.

**Workshops**

The following members attended and provided feedback on the following conferences:

Lauren Martire – *NBEA, Chicago*

Lauren reported that the Leyden staff who attended were not impressed. There were not enough options per time slot and the information presented was basic.

Patty Sarkady – *Social Media Marketing by Skillpath Seminars*

Patty was very impressed with the content and highly recommends the program.

Nancy Bardo – *Connections, Tinley Park and Financial Literacy Summit, Chicago*

Nancy liked the new location and the content of Connections.

Nancy highly recommends the Financial Literacy Summit which is presented by Visa and the Federal Reserve. She liked the women's panel and the young entrepreneurs who presented.

Julia Wicklund – *ICE, Chicago*

Julia highly recommended the ICE conference. Attendees should plan to research the conference first to identify the best choices.

Patty Sarkady was approved to speak at ACTE in Nashville, TN next year on Gamification.

### **Teacher Work Experience**

Members, once again, brought up their concern that the TWE program had not been reinstated. They feel strongly that the program offered significant professional development for them and benefitted their students.

### **Curriculum Sharing**

Sports Marketing – Leyden is planning to revamp their Sports Marketing and asked for assistance. The committee members shared ideas and projects they use in their programs.

Gamification – Patty Sarkady shared Gamification strategies.

Financial Literacy – Nancy Bardo shared effective websites for financial information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bear

Business Committee Chairperson