

**Des Plaines Valley Region
Business Committee
End-of-Year Report 2016-2017**

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.

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 members attended and provided feedback on conferences including NBEA, Social Media Marketing, Connections, Financial Literacy Summit and ICE.

Patty Sarkady was approved to speak at ACTE in Nashville, TN next year on the topic of 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, Chairperson, Business Committee