

DVR Meeting

October 5, 2017

Culinary

Members Present: Chef Denise Smith-Gaborit (Triton), Kristina Belpedio (Oak Park-River Forest), Natalie Hornik (Oak Park-River Forest), Jackie Morris (Oak Park River Forest), Jenny Miller (Proviso East), Georgina Roney (Proviso West), Cassie Lukehart (Leyden), Nichole Sweeney (Leyden), Valarie Berger (Leyden), Patti Farlee (Riverside Brookfield), Keith Morris (Proviso East),

- 1. Culinary Demonstration/Lesson on Laminated Dough and Pate a Choux**
 - a. Chef Denise did a demonstration on laminated dough and pate a choux.
 - b. Each of these doughs are in the pastry class which is available for dual credit.
 - c. Denise explained the science behind the doughs as well as the differences between them.
 - d. The group felt the demonstration was very beneficial, and the information will be easy to incorporate into our individual lessons.

- 2. Starting Salaries in Hospitality Field**
 - a. Chicago: \$18-20/hour but must pay for parking
 - b. Rosemont area: \$15/hour, but parking is free

- 3. Triton Cook-Off**
 - a. April 28, 2018
 - b. Format will be similar to "Chopped".
 - c. There will be a mystery basket, and students will need to create an entrée and salad using the mystery items.
 - d. There are 6 available spots. Every district will have the opportunity to enter a team. Once the first deadline has passed, open spots will be available for districts with more than one team.
 - e. Prizes are similar to previous years.

- 4. Student Visits to Triton Program**
 - a. High school students may visit Triton program.
 - b. Wednesday night visits will include a complimentary dinner for them and their parents.
 - c. Students may observe in the kitchen with rubber soled shoes.
 - d. Students may assist in the kitchen from 330p – 730p if wearing their whites and rubber soled shoes.
 - e. Students will be able to tour the facilities with their parents.

- 5. High School Visit**
 - a. Chef Denise will visit high school culinary classes.
 - b. She will discuss Triton's program and/or do a demo for the classes.
 - c. Email her at denisesmithgaborit@triton.edu

- 6. 2nd Semester Meeting**
 - a. Team members expressed interest in a full day meeting which included collaboration on curriculum.
 - b. Each district would share a piece of their culinary curriculum.
 - c. Chef Denise would also be available for more culinary demonstrations.