

April 12, 2019

DVR Student Services Committee Meeting Minutes:

Attendees: *Mike Reingruber, Brandi Ambrose, Stephanie Nix, Linda Alvarez, Sandra Berryhill, Marijana Uremovic, Alison Till, Emily Wine, Rafaella Adler*

Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2018-19

Last Meeting of 2018-19

2018-19 Goals:

1. Continue increasing communication between high schools and Triton College with a focus on Dual Credit.
2. Continue receiving career related professional development through roundtable discussions from industry professionals and using that information to help guide our students.
3. Explore additional/new college and career software solutions (i.e. Xello) that may be more beneficial for our students.
4. Increase counselor knowledge and exposure for students interested in the trades by taking part in experiential learning (site visits) opportunities for counselors, staff, and students.

Stakeholder Survey Feedback

We went through all of the surveys that Anne requested we look through and the student services team all felt the surveys looked great and asked the right questions.

5 Year Improvement Career Opportunities for students

We have discussed numerous times the need for more roundtables for our student services team to gather information from various careers and bring them back to our students. Also, as discussed previously, we would love to have more field experiences for our counselors and students to see various trade opportunities. We would like to go to places like Cisco, Chicago Women in the Trades, etc. One new thing we discussed was, is there a possibility to get kids grants/scholarships to attend career based summer courses at various institutions? Could there be an application process for this? In addition can DVR provide any of their own small summer career camps or seminars as in years past? We feel a small amount of camps 2-3, in which the subject area rotates every year would be most beneficial.

DVR Digest Newsletters

We went through the 5 DVR Digest newsletters that Anne provided and we feel like these would be very beneficial for students. The main question is, how do we get these items distributed to students? Making paper copies for all students, isn't the best way to distribute. Some schools won't allow all student emails with non-school items, so Superintendents would need to get on board there. Most schools could put them as a link on their websites, but that doesn't guarantee students would go to the site. We also talked about using various social media platforms to get the information out. So, although we think they are good, actually getting them in students hands could be the challenge.

Building Updates:

Since our last meeting, Ridgewood has had a couple of career based speakers come in. RB is working on setting up a few career spotlight/speakers in late April and early May. Oak Park is piloting the You Science survey.

Triton Updates:

Triton is continuing to work on their shift in responsibilities between their Advisors and their Counselors. Sandra said it has been a work in process, but things seem to be going pretty smooth. Advisors now are more academic, especially early in a student's experience at Triton. Counselors tend to focus more on mental health and students on academic warning. Sandra also stated that Triton's Engineering Technology program would like to attend one of our meetings next year to go over their program.

Goals for 2019-20

We discussed our current goals and what we would like to see for next school year. Our committee agreed to keep the same goals for next school year. All areas are areas we would like to continue to improve in and would like to keep the same goals

See the list of goals at the top for our 2019-20 goals.

Dual Credit Updates:

Tim Nystrom emailed Mike a bunch of dual credit updates and Mike forwarded those on to the rest of the committee.