

September 25, 2020
DVR Student Services Committee Meeting Minutes:

Attendees: *Mike Reingruber, Sarah Wurster, Marijana Uremovic, Alison Till, Linda Alvarez, Sandra Berryhill, Jim Gyori, Emily Alexenko, Stephanie Nix, Nikki Mejsstrik*

Location: Zoom

Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2020-21

October 16, 2020
November 20, 2020
December 11 or 18, 2020
January 22, 2020
February 19, 2020
March 12, 2020
April 30, 2020

2020-21 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.

Goals for the Year

Listed above and reviewed

Future Meeting Dates

We discussed our school calendars and decided on the dates listed above for our upcoming meetings.

Freshman Career Exploration Survey

All schools must complete a freshman year career exploration per the Local Needs Assessment. All schools seem to be doing this already.

Local Needs Assessment

Sarah Wurster attended our meetings to break this down for us. There are many items in the local needs assessment that are counselor specific. Since Sarah is very familiar with the document, she is going to break down the parts that specifically pertain to counselors and go over those parts with us at our October 16th meeting. Some things she highlighted in our meeting included that we need to prove to the state that we are doing everything in the needs assessment. She said we need to start tracking kids beyond high school, make sure students are completing career assessments, enrolling kids in CTE classes, enroll kids in dual credit, keep track of meeting with students, have advisory committees in areas of CTE, etc. Sarah stated we are doing many of these things already, just need to have the formalized. We look forward to the Oct 16 meeting to learn even more about this.

Building Updates:

All the counselors were updating on their current teaching model (i.e. remote, hybrid), etc.

Triton Updates:

Advisors goal is the academic work (get the kid in school) and counselors are emotional support (keep the kid in school). They are using career coach, a new career exploration tool. Currently 70% of their classes are totally remote. Lab classes are currently meeting. Library is open. Counselors and advisors are seeing kids virtually. Ken sent information on two upcoming days and clarified the high school day is a full campus tour and meeting with admissions, while the virtual days are meeting with different programs that are highlighted.

Dual Credit Updates:

Tim was unable to attend the meeting. Sarah indicated that Tim was very helpful in getting more dual credit interest at OPRF, based on some workshops he completed there.