

October 16, 2020

DVR Student Services Committee Meeting Minutes:

Attendees: *Mike Reingruber, Marijana Uremovic, Alison Till, Linda Alvarez, Sandra Berryhill, Jim Gyori, Stephanie Nix, Nikki Mejsstrik, Brandi Ambrose, Tim Nystrom*

Location: Zoom

Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2020-21

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.

Local Needs Assessment

Sarah Wurster will break down the entire document and discuss with counselors what counselors need to know and work on.

Career Assessment Quarterly Report:

We discussed what the hybrid/remote plan is at each school. We also discussed with assessment will be or have been completed at each school so far. Each school is in a different spot with their hybrid/remote learning plan. Some have started to complete their careers assessments. Others don't have a plan yet, due to the uncertainty. Ridgewood has moved to the Xello Platform and is no longer using Naviance. Proviso is using Naviance for their juniors an seniors, while they are moving toward a platform called Score for their younger students. Leyden is using YouScience. Other schools are all still using Naviance.

Dual Credit:

Tim gave some updates on dual credit. He said no accuplacer is needed. Dual Credit did not have support staff for 5 months. From last spring until now, dual credit increased enrollment 95%. It went from last school year having 510 total students to this school year with 997 students. Dual credit has saved students roughly \$465,000 in tuition. Tim organized a dual credit professional development event and is working on the spring 2021 schedule.

Triton Updates:

By Monday there will be more info on the DVR Triton tour information events that will take place October 26-November 5th. They will be offering classes the same in the spring as in the fall (hybrid, virtual, etc). They are working on a counselor wellness center.

Building Updates:

All the counselors were updating on their current teaching model (i.e. remote, hybrid), etc. Some schools were starting to transition teachers back to the building and then kids back to the building. The goals at most schools is starting at 25% for a few weeks and then 50% of the kids after that. Oak Park is full remote the rest of the semester and Proviso is still making determination. RB has 25% of the kids already in. Ridgewood has been Hybrid throughout. Elmwood kids are remote until January.