

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2020 MEETING OF THE
DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**

Members Present:	Dr. Anne Cothran (DVR), Dr. Jennifer Davidson (Triton Dist. 504), Ms. Pamela Harmon (Triton Dist. 504), Mr. Frank Holthouse (Leyden Dist. 212), Mr. Eric Lasky (Ridgewood Dist. 234), Mr. Neil Posmer (Elmwood Park Dist. 401), Ms. Antoinette Rayburn (Proviso Dist. 209), Mr. David Weishaar (Riverside-Brookfield Dist. 208)
Member(s) Absent:	Ms. Sarah Wurster (Oak Park & River Forest Dist. 200)
Guest(s) Present:	Mr. Timothy Nystrom (Triton Dist. 504)
Staff:	Ms. Lori Kwon (DVR)

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Cothran called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Administrative Council to order at 8:21 a.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2020 via Zoom conference.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

A. Status of Triton Program Visits: The Council received dates for the virtual visits from Mr. Jensen. Triton Council members will ask Mr. Ken Smith, Director of Admissions at Triton College, to email the Zoom meeting links to the Council. Dr. Cothran asked to be copied on all communication regarding the upcoming Triton virtual Program visits.

B. Fall School/College Alliance Workshop Discussion: Some Council members received feedback from their districts that the PaCE training, while informative, was repetitive. As next year's workshop topic, Dr. Cothran suggested Career Exploration, Financial Aid and Literacy, and Postsecondary Education. Mr. Holthouse would like to explore Pathway Endorsements. Ms. Rayburn and Mr. Lasky recommended Career Readiness Expectations regarding state report cards and tracking postsecondary students.

PERKINS V

A. Perkins Requirement Overview: In a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Cothran highlighted important Perkins requirements for FY21 and FY22 in order for districts to receive continuous funding. During FY21, ISBE will pilot Secondary CTE Program Quality Review for the purpose of receiving feedback on necessary revisions to the CTE Programs. Dr. Cothran and the Council would prefer not to participate in the pilot program. However, Mr. Lasky wondered if non-compliance of implementation of ISBE required program reviews can result in loss of eligibility to receive continuous grant funds that it might be more difficult to pass all the requirements next year than it would be this year.

B. Course Matrices Alignment and Related Curriculum: Dr. Cothran asked the Council to proofread their Program Crosswalks and notify her of discrepancies. Appropriate course links must be listed in FY21 and updated in FY22 by each district. Dr. Cothran was advised by ISBE that due to limits in IWAS programming, off-site Dual Credit courses should be marked off as on-campus courses for the time being. Every district must have work-based learning.

C. Size/Scope/Quality:

i. Industry Credentials – Dr. Cothran asked the Council to contact Certiport to find out about the new training. The Council proposed that the DVR Business Committee and Triton's IT Committee would be most knowledgeable to analyze and evaluate the Microsoft certifications.

ii. Exploring Dual Credit Options by Mr. Tim Nystrom – Mr. Nystrom thanked Dr. Cothran for a list of districts' Dual Credit courses for consideration. He will send official course guideline and minimum credentialing standards for each course to Council members. Additionally, Mr. Nystrom will share with the Council updated faculty credentialing and curriculum alignment guides. Mr. Nystrom offered his availability to speak with the Council and district members regarding Dual Credit opportunities. Currently, Triton has 110 Dual Credit partnerships across 10 districts.

iii. Career and Technical Student Organizations – Science Olympiad is an approved CTSO.

iv. Professional Learning – For the purpose of reporting to ISBE, Ms. Rayburn suggested a simple response form. Mr. Holthouse recommended the DVR Lesson Share website. DVR regional Comprehensive Needs Analysis and the Goals and Strategies are posted on the DVR webpage.

D. Required Benchmarks for Concentrators: Dr. Cothran emphasized that the minimum performance level is 90% of the benchmarks for districts to avoid penalty. Discussion will follow on how to track the Special Population students, per ISBE requirement.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Dr. Cothran asked the Council to report to her detailed accomplishments for reimbursement claims of paid Curriculum work hours.

OTHER

Dr. Cothran announced two candidates have applied for the DVR Director position. The Council agreed on a 30-minute interview session for each applicant with 10 to 15 questions. Dr. Cothran would like to finalize the interview questions by the end of October. She asked information about the candidates be kept confidential outside of the Admin Council.

Adjourned at 9:15 a.m.