

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 MEETING OF THE
DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**

Members Present:	Dr. Anne Cothran (DVR), Mr. Frank Holthouse (Leyden Dist. 212), Mr. Eric Lasky (Ridgewood Dist. 234), Mr. Neil Posmer (Elmwood Park Dis. 401), Ms. Antoinette Rayburn (Proviso Dist. 209), Mr. David Weishaar (Riverside-Brookfield Dist. 208), Ms. Sarah Wurster (Oak Park & River Forest Dist. 200)
Member(s) Absent:	Dr. Jennifer Davidson (Triton Dist. 504), Ms. Pamela Harmon (Triton Dist. 504)
Guest(s) Present:	Mr. Paul Jensen (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 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2020 via Zoom conference.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Weishaar moved, Mr. Lasky seconded the motion to approve minutes of the August 27, 2020 meeting. None opposed. Motion carried.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

A. Status of Triton Program Visits: The Council agreed on a virtual format with videos featuring 24 programs in 7 different pathways. Mr. Jensen agreed to make available recorded video links in 7 Areas of Study featuring 24 programs in all with BLS data for each area and labor market information for the Council to access and post on a website. The high schools will assign students questions about the BLS data. Mr. Weishaar and Mr. Holthouse preferred program videos to be interactively available via Edpuzzle for students to answer and comment on questions. Dr. Cothran confirmed that student responses would suffice as the Council's end of year reports. Ms. Wurster suggested the program visits be hosted by Triton in one day for all high school districts. Prior to the date of the virtual event, Mr. Jensen will provide the Council with video links. Also, Mr. Jensen will speak with Mr. Ken Smith, Director of Admissions at Triton College regarding logistics for a live Zoom event consisting of breakout sessions to show students a Program of Study video and to ask Triton faculty and or administrator questions. Mr. Jensen will need an attendee list of students including email addresses and one Program of Study each student is interested in before the day of the event for the setup of breakout rooms. Separately, onsite visits will be available to students upon request, Mr. Jensen added. Mr. Weishaar pointed out that offering multiple breakout sessions to each student would be beneficial. Mr. Holthouse noted that by offering each Program of Study per day over a period of seven days rather than showcasing multiple Program videos in multiple breakout rooms for students to access in a single-day event would minimize technical difficulties. Whether one virtual event or seven days of virtual events, the Council decided on 2:30 p.m. as the start time.

B. DVR Content Committees and New Perkins Requirements: The DVR Program Committee Chairs received Comprehensive Needs Analysis write-ups and Goals and Strategies Activities from Dr. Cothran. She urged the Council to convey to their district Content Committee members to attend meetings with the goal of discussing team challenges and work-based learning and how they align with the Perkins requirements.

C. October 5, 2020 School/College Alliance: A registration link in an email invitation will be sent to participants today. Dr. Cothran reviewed the agenda for the day.

PERKINS V

A. Course Matrices Alignment: Dr. Cothran emailed the Council course information that needs to be implemented for districts to protect their existing courses. Group 2 and 3 are required for a student to be a Concentrator. Group 1 is not required. Course upgrades can be implemented for Group 1 to become Group 2. The Council received from Dr. Cothran email drafts of FY22 courses for the upcoming fall registration. Mr.

Holthouse asked about the duration of work-based learning. Dr. Cothran will advise the Council as soon as ISBE can confirm. Ms. Wurster inquired if work-based learning can be tied to other areas such Culinary or Accounting in student transcripts. Dr. Cothran advised it would be up to each district concerning student transcripts. Mr. Jensen spoke about virtual internships sponsored by NIU and the National Science Foundation grant. Mr. Jensen will share a video link with the Council about the pilot program. In five days, the Council will decide to pursue or forgo the NSF grant application before the set submission deadline.

FILMING FOR BEST PRACTICE

The filming of Best Practices videos are ongoing. However, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the videos will not be available in time for the workshop. Arrangements will be made for a day to acknowledge the Best Practices nominees.

OTHER

None

Adjourned at 9:02 a.m.