

December 18, 2020
DVR Student Services Committee Meeting Minutes:

Attendees: Mike Reingruber, Sarah Wurster, Alison Till, Jim Gyori, Stephanie Nix, Nikki Mejsstrik, Linda Alvarez, Tim Nystrom, Ken Smith, Emily Alexenko

Location: Zoom

Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2020-21

January 22, ~~2020~~ 2021

February 19, ~~2020~~ 2021

March 12, ~~2020~~ 2021

April 30, ~~2020~~ 2021

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 went thru the Local Needs Assessment document and created a summary for our student services committee of the most important things that counselors need to know. We spent on a lot of time on this topic. As we listened and discussed, counselors realized we are already doing many of these things, but might need to formalize and organize things in a more systematic way.

Dual Credit:

Tim gave some updates on dual credit. They hired a new dual credit specialist. He is in the process of organizing a counselor corner and is still figuring out some of the logistics. It will probably be a bi-monthly opportunity. He also is working on providing dual credit workshops 2x per week. He said there has been renewed interest in setting up new courses at the high schools. He also said they are about done with draft schedules for next fall.

Triton Updates:

Sandra was unable to attend the meeting and did not have any meetings. Ken asked us to have our early grads contact him right away to get set up at Triton if they planned on getting started at Triton in January.