

# MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2021 MEETING OF THE DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

**Members Present:** Dr. Jennifer Davidson (Triton Dist. 504), Ms. Pamela Harmon (Triton Dist. 504), Mr.

Frank Holthouse (Leyden Dist. 212), Mr. Michael Kuhn (DVR), Dr. Julie Lam (Oak Park & River Forest Dist. 200), Dr. Eric Lasky (Ridgewood Dist. 234), Mr. Neil Posmer (Elmwood Park Dist. 401), Dr. Kathy Richard-Andrews (Proviso Dist. 209), Mr. David

Weishaar (Riverside-Brookfield Dist. 208)

**Member(s) Absent:** None

**Guest(s) Present:** Ms. Alexandria Terrazas (Triton Dist. 504)

Staff: Ms. Lori Kwon (DVR)

# CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kuhn called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Administrative Council to order at 8:23 a.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at Triton College in Building T, Room T136.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Weishaar moved, Mr. Posmer seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2021 meeting. None opposed. Motion carried.

## **REGIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- **A. October 4, 2021 School College Alliance Workshop**: Mr. Kuhn suggested next year's events be aligned to the DVR strategic plan per Board approval.
- **B. 2021 Triton Program Virtual Visits (November 9 through 18)**: Students provided favorable evaluations for the virtual program visits, overall.

#### **DISCUSSION**

- **A. Illinois Manufacturers' Association (IMA) Manufacturing Matters**: Members received IMA's report entitled, *Manufacturing Matters, Our Impact in Illinois*. The Council gave an aye when inviting an IMA representative to future DVR meetings was discussed.
- **B.** Illinois Apprenticeship Week: The Council received information about the National Apprenticeship Week in Illinois.
- **C.** Advanced CTE-Shifting the Skills Conversation: Members received Advance CTE's October 2021 report called, *Shifting the Skills Conversation: Employer Attitudes on and Outcomes for Career Technical Education.*

#### D. Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment:

- i. Short Certificates in Hospitality for Dual Credit High Schools As part of the meeting packet, Dr. Davidson provided a working draft of Triton's Culinary and Hospitality Dual Credit course offerings at the High School and college levels, pending approval. Ms. Terrazas offered to share Triton's updated requirements for teacher certifications when they become available. Ms. Terrazas expressed the College's resolve to work with High School Districts. She mentioned the possibility of sending Triton's Dual Credit representatives to High Schools to speak with students. Dean Harmon said that for certain programs, students need to experience hands-on activities by visiting Triton in person.
- **ii.** Welding Certificate Program Triton's Welding Certification course and contact information was included in the agenda packet for members.



The Council reflected on the urgency for Triton's Dual Credit coordinator. They briefly discussed timeline, key to balancing High School and College Dual Enrollment, Computer Science, SAT, interest for Dual Credit and teacher certifications, counselor training, and matriculation tracking. Mr. Kuhn called for planning of at least one or two Dual Enrollment program(s) to be offered in the Spring.

- **E.** Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA): The Council received an 18-page ISBE document from Mr. Kuhn.
- **F.** CTE and Innovation Program Data Review (PDR) Now Open: Mr. Kuhn advised members to collaborate at the December and January Admin Council meetings with a goal to finish and submit the CLNA to ISBE by the end of January 2022. Mr. Kuhn offered to provide members with a checklist. The Council would like to be notified as early as feasible to prepare for data collection.

# **INFORMATIONAL**

A. TRANSFRVR Demonstration: Some members tested the equipment.

#### OTHER.

Adjourned at 9:43 a.m.