

DVR Technology & Engineering Education Committee

Mid-Year Report 2/11/22

The DVR Technology Committee has met once this year. The following goals have been addressed to this point as described.

1. Promotion of Technology and Engineering Education Programs will seek to strengthen collaboration among the secondary teachers and Triton Community College.
 - a. Each of the member schools have had discussions this school year related to the alignment of dual credit with programs at Triton. Through the past two academic years there has been very few opportunities to convene and have the discussions necessary to develop stronger partnerships. The scheduled Tech committee meetings for the spring will bring focus to the relationships being cultivated and continued with the program leads at Triton College. Each school has been presented with various challenges for face-to-face meetings. The alignment plans for each program will be addressed to have each high school identify a lead to communicate with the Tech Committee in regard to the relationship that each program has with Triton College.
2. Foster growth of Advisory Councils for the respective TEE programs at each high school.
 - a. There has been no reported growth in the advisory councils from DVR member high schools. The prior relationships that have been utilized with local business and industry are continuing.
3. Promote professional development among the TEE teachers through state, regional, and national conference attendance.
 - a. OPRF, Ridgewood, and Riverside-Brookfield had representatives attend the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Vision Conference in New Orleans in December of 2021. Other schools have reported restrictions on travel during the current academic year due to sub shortages and pandemic restrictions.
 - b. OPRF sent two representatives to the Illinois Technology Education Conference (ITEC) hosted by the Technology Education Association of Illinois (TEAI) in Bloomington/Normal in October.
4. Collaborate with member schools to develop career awareness campaigns formally through field trips, speakers, online career planning tools, and teacher collaboration among member schools.
 - a. Member high school districts have been addressing this internally. This will continue to be an agenda item for discussion. OPRF and RB have been using Naviance. Both are investigating new options currently. Leyden is Utilizing School Links. Virtual Job Shadow is currently available at all three schools as well.
 - b. There have not been any collaborative field trips or speakers arranged through the DVR consortium, but each school is continuing with the allowed participation at the current moment related to pandemic restrictions and sub availability.
 - c. No groups have met in the past two years for collaborative teacher roundtables. This will be encouraged at the end of this academic year to continue into following years.