

November 12, 2021

DVR Student Services Committee Meeting Minutes:

Attendees: *Mike Reingruber, Brandi Ambrose, Alison Till, Shinelle Taylor, Mary Casey-Incardone, Maria Jellissen, Rafaella Harris, Nikki Mejstrik, Ken Smith, Marijana Uremovic, Faith Cole, Michael Kuhn*

Location: Cafe DeLuca in Forest Park

Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2021-22

December 10, 2021

January 21, 2022

February 25, 2022

March 18, 2022

April 22, 2022

2021-22 Goals:

We discussed as a committee our goals for the 2021-22 school year:

1. Continue increasing communication between high schools and Triton College with a focus on Dual Credit and CTE.
2. Continue receiving career related professional development through roundtable discussions from industry professionals and using that information to help guide our students.
3. Increase counselor knowledge and exposure for students interested in the trades but taking part in experiential learning (site visits) opportunities for counselors, staff, and students.
4. Create a running list of courses that Triton needs to run based on student interests.

Virtual High School Visits Update:

Counselors discussed how the Virtual High School Visits were going at each of their individual buildings. Feedback was pretty positive.

Triton College Updates:

Recent graduates still have time to register for spring classes. Next spring they plan on offering an Expo event for different career paths (trades). He will send dates and times as they become available. Ken also discussed some new certificate programs. He also discussed a class at Triton they will be offering called Career Life Planning.

Dual Credit Updates:

Still looking to hire for this position. The goal is to hire for this position by January.

Dual Credit Summit:

The goal is to bring something to the high schools. Bring CTE Teachers/ Counselors together and discuss here is what we need and here is what we are looking for. The goal would be to put a process in place.

Dual Enrollment:

This is handled on a case by case basis. Students who are enrolled in second semester can take classes at Triton.

Michael Kuhn:

Michael discussed his hope to bring a tech center to Triton. He also discussed that next week is Apprenticeship week for the state. There are a lot of webinars and in-person events. He also told us that Elmwood Park has a grant to do career exploration at the middle school and anticipates more funding for career tech, starting as young as 5th grade.