

## DVR Meeting

November 2, 2022

### ECE DVR Meeting/Triton ECE-Education Department Advisory Meeting Minutes

Triton B-204

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

- Ally (Triton), Angela (Triton), Hunter (Triton), Zelda (Triton), Jeanette (Dean), Patty (Proviso East), Connie (Proviso West), Melissa (Oak Leaf Academy), Greg (Veterans Park District), Kristie (OPRF), Hannah (OPRF), Julie (OPRF), Jackie (OPRF), Michael (DVR Director), Ericka (Career Coordinator DVR), Toni (Dual Credit Triton)

#### 2. Program Updates

- **Dual Credit:** Toni is trying to implement more alignment between the high schools and the college. Things have not been done right in the past. And with the audit last year this disconnect needs to be fixed. Whatever is being taught in the college, should be taught in the high school. Curriculum meetings have been held to help with this. Processes will look different in the future. She thanks everyone for the grace given to her and she will reciprocate.
- **ECE Triton:** ECACE (Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity) awarded Triton a grant. This grant will be used to create new spaces for students to learn in like a tinkering lab. Also they will be creating more accessible spaces. They are working hard towards a cohort program that is fully online. This is an accelerated program. They piloted the cohort this fall and they have their first group of students currently. They have also hired Hunter (ECE assistant) under this grant and are piloting online classes, trying to make all their classes have an online option. They are also hiring a community relationship associate for a position to create partnerships and recruitment from the community. They are also hiring a student support strategist to assist students and connect them with resources needed to be successful in the program. They are also working on creating a social media page to post job openings that old and new students can use. This would be a great opportunity for the workforce partners. The Symposium last fall went well and is set to be in the spring in person. Looking to have it be a workshop model. Looking for it to be bigger and better.
- **EDU Triton:** EDU started the cohort in the fall as well. They are smaller than the ECE cohort but they are flexible with student schedules to accommodate them and their scheduling. They are working to develop more online courses. They have a few more to go. There has been a lot of community outreach. Workforce Partners/Community/schools/programs are looking for tutors, substitute teachers, even help with paraprofessionals certifications. Angela mentioned there are 5300 unfilled teaching positions in Illinois, 185 just in our area.
- **Other Triton ECE/EDU Updates:** The Director of the Child Development Center would love to have your students visit. Contact Ally and she can put you in contact with her. They need at least a month's notice. Connie has taken her students there already this year, contact her to see what they did!
- **University Partners:** None were available to come. They are working on ECACE Grant work which is extremely time consuming.
- **DVR Partners**
  - a) OPRF: Education pathway proposal was board approved. Two different tracks will be available for the students, one ECE and one Middle School/HS level. This has been 3 years in the making.
  - b) Proviso East: Enrollment was a bit messed up this year, unfortunately some of the dual credit did not run this year. Also working on their education pathway.
  - c) Proviso West: Trying to increase the pathway. Adding classes and trying to add a workplace component with Hillside School or other area schools.

- d) Leyden: They have two program tracks, ECE & EDU. Trying to partner with more colleges to give more Dual Credit opportunities for the students that Triton does not offer. Just partnered with Elmhurst College.
- e) DVR: Prior director received a grant to assist schools with the college and career pathway endorsements.
  - i) State is pushing for the College and Career Pathways for students. One component is having Dual Credit present in their pathway, another is having a team based challenge.
  - ii) There is a education Team based challenge this Friday at Triton. Students will be working with industry professionals. Schools from around the state and people from the IL State Board will be in attendance.
  - iii) Michael attended an event at NIU about alternative teacher routes. Many things are coming down the pipeline for alternative certification.
  - iv) Softskills High is a program purchased for Proviso, OPRF and Ridgewood. If interested for your school contact Michael.
  - v) Ericka Kuba is the new College & Career Coordinator for DVR. Her main job will be to work with the CCPE (Career Pathways) making sure these opportunities are brought to our students.
- o **Workforce Partners**
  - a) Melissa (Oak Leaf Academy): We would love to expand our locations, but the roadblock is finding quality teachers. They have 300 people on a waitlist. Any leads send them her way!
  - b) Greg (Veterans Park District/Northlake): Looking for a substitute job pool list for our Lead Teacher, looking to share subs with other workforce partners (if willing to share). Staffing shortages have caused a full time preschool program to close. Seasonal departments are always looking for high school help! Veterans Park District covers all of Northlake and parts of Melrose Park, Franklin Park and River Grove.

### 3. Additional Discussion

- o DVR Participation in programmatic improvement and assessment of program and course level outcome.
  - Looking for feedback on how to implement common assessments in Dual Credit classes. Each Dual Credit course will need to have a few common assessments implemented in the courses.
    - The sooner the better was shared. Receiving the assessments ahead of time will allow high school teachers to have time to implement. Ally will share out the assessments so changes can be made at the high school level.
    - Possibilities include giving access to Blackboard so it can be a one stop shop for getting information about common assessments, syllabus', etc.