

## DVR Meeting

Mar 1, 2023

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

Triton Cafe 64

1. Attendance: Ally, Angela, Angelica, Jeanette, Bianca, Mary, Zelda, Ken, Emilee, Elizabeth, Ken (Triton), Micheal (DVR Director), Patty, Connie (Proviso), Diana (Director of Child Development Center), Jackie, Natalie, Kristina, Hannah (OPRF), Mary, Gianna (Small World Learning Center), Melissa (Oakleaf Academy), Greg (Veterans Park District), Kristina (Recent childcare business owner), Alicia, Jen, Dana, Frank (Leyden), Theresa, Sarah (Maywood 89), Julie (Zoom)
2. Triton Student Perspectives
  - Elizabeth Campos: RB graduate, elementary ed major, became an edu major because of her nephew. What resources does she use in college: Angela, speech class, english class
  - Mary Pieniazek: Intern at Triton childcare, she comes from a family of educators and would always play “school”, grew up in India - schools in India do not have “play”, they go write into learning and writing
3. Honoring Connie: Connie is retiring this year! We wish her well!



4. Essential Employability Skills Discussion
  - There is a teacher shortage. What can we do to help with this problem?
  - The advisory groups all discussed and collaborated to identify the essential employability skills that are needed for teachers at all levels, to aid in curriculum development, create professional development opportunities, and implement strategies to address skills gaps
    - i. Dependability is hard to teach. Students do not know how to be a professional.
    - ii. Team based challenges can help with a few of these skills
    - iii. How do you teach communication for every situation?
    - iv. Having a hard deadline for assignments is an easy way to teach dependability
5. Updates
  - Triton Edu:
    - i. Brought back EDU 110: Diversity of Schools and Society
    - ii. Cohort is running with 6 students and is gaining traction.
    - iii. Education Symposium is Friday, April 14th, will have keynote speakers, activities, etc. Angela will get back to you with details.

- iv. Assessment Updates:
    - 1. In the future dual credit teachers will be part of the assessment process
  - o Triton ECE:
    - i. Halfway through the development process for the online courses; will be done next year; to be developed, EDU 100
    - ii. Tinkering Lab/Classroom Progress: construction has concluded and furniture has been delivered, smartboard has been purchased, instructional materials has been purchased, child development lab will have access, meetings can be held
    - iii. ECACE grant updates: scholarship is being expanded in the fall to students that have a BA in different discipline, CDA credit is now being awarded to students to qualify
  - o Triton College Relations (Angel)
    - i. Angelica from Triton college relations can come to your school to help students apply for the ECACE scholarship, all they need is to have worked 1 hour of documented work if they are a member of gateways.
  - o Triton Student Success Strategist Update (Emily)
    - i. Triton is having a ECE cohort night on Tuesday, March 7th at 6pm
  - o Triton Dual Credit (Michael)
    - i. DVR this year trying to bring seniors over (April 12th and 24th) to Triton to get signed up and see the campus
    - ii. Fall DVR alliance conference will be in September and will focus on team based challenges. Look for invites from your CTE Coordinator.
  - o University Partners: none present
  - o DVR Partners:
    - i. Leyden: Awarded education pathway grant which allowed admin to see the importance of this pathway and they are able to expand their program details!
    - ii. Proviso was just awarded a grant to expand the pathway to East and PVMS, currently it is only at West
    - iii. OPRF: has been working on team based challenges for the pathway, and also making partnerships for professional learning internship hours
  - o Workforce Partners:
    - i. Emerson Elementary School: more high needs kids then ever, anyone thinking about teaching should minor in special education
    - ii. Veterans Park District: tries to staff all seasonal jobs by April 1st, West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA) is always looking for help. Age 16 is the youngest they hire.
    - iii. Small world learning center (melrose park, franklin park) is always hiring and looking for people, they hire 18 years old and older
6. Discussion
- o Kristen would love to start partnerships with Triton to help these small childcare businesses succeed.

Save the dates

- Fall DVR meeting: September 13th, 2023
- Triton Education Symposium Friday, April 14th, 10am-2pm, R-Building, look for more info soon!