

DVR Meeting
October 6, 2011
Foods and Nutrition

Members Present: Chef Denise (Triton), Ched Pagatakhan (Triton) Pam Erickson (Oak Park River Forest), Jesukaitis, (Proviso West), Jen Miller (Proviso East), Nichole Sweeney (Leyden), Valarie Berger (Leyden)

DVR Meeting – Culinary

- a. The meeting was held at Triton College – HIA dining room. Attendees had lunch in the Triton dining room and were able to observe HIA students in class. Our thanks to Chef Denise and her students for an excellent lunch.
- b. Chef Denise also discussed the new beverage management certificate. This certificate is available to students 21 years of age or older. The certificate will include the food managers certificate and the Basset Certification.
- c. Chef Denise presented the Culinary Pathway of Study. The members present suggested that high school culinary classes be added to the grid. Everything else looked great. Chef Denise will update the grid and send it to Valarie Berger for distribution.
- d. Triton's Annual Teen Chef Cook-off: The group discussed the Triton cook-off, and Ched said they will again run in the spring. The event will most likely be the first Saturday in May. The group will in agreement that the event is a very positive experience for the students and high school instructors.
- e. The group also discussed Leyden's coffee bar. Other schools were brainstorming different ways to incorporate a business into their culinary programs.
- f. The group also discussed food vendors and different ways to order lab supplies for their classes. GFS, Fox River Foods, and Jewel were options with various ways of making these work for their districts.

