

DVR Student Services Committee
April 27th Minutes
Vince's Restaurant in Harwood Heights
12:30pm

Discussion Items:

- Promoting DVR Career Camps @ Triton for Summer 2012: Counselors strategized about ways to get the word out to students about the DVR Summer Career Camps. Ideas included going to CTE classrooms and using Naviance, handing out brochures to students in our offices and to sending out emails to students.
- Programs of Study: Anne shared the new DVR website that will allow students to quickly look up recommended elective courses at their high school (and core classes) for all 16 career clusters. All counselors were in favor and saw this as being a valuable resource for career and academic counseling—especially during course selection.
- Develop inservice topics & budget for next year. How much will we need per school for a career conference? Anne mentioned that \$500 had been set aside for next year's committee budget. This money could be used for bus expenses for the districts without their own buses. Alternatively, it could be used for catering career speakers. Counselors expressed interest in getting a speaker from the Illinois Department of Employment Security to find out more about career trends.
- Update on career field experiences at each school. The Leyden schools recently participated in a Career Safari at Lincoln Middle School. Elmwood Park had speakers on Entrepreneurship & Career Paths. Riverside-Brookfield is planning a career speaker from CISCO. Ridgewood participated in a women in science field trip to Argonne. Proviso West took students on a field trip to the Maybrook Courthouse.
- DVR committee chairperson for next year? Sarah Ven Horst from OPRF expressed interest in the committee chairperson position for next year.