

Moraine Area Career System

CAC Meeting Minutes

December 07, 2021

Present: Argo - Cindy Haack, DDE - Mary Kate Farnan, HLR - Lindsey Mikols, Delta - Linda Otey, Oak Lawn - Kelly Kenny, Derek Sefcik, Reavis – Sarah Schultz, VJA - Jim Malec, John Tadla, CS - Kristy Strelow, Margaret Deyerler, AAS - Leah Ellis, Matt O'Neill, Tom Reedy, D230 – Dawn Reuter-Cox, EP - Eileen Durkin, MVCC – Tamekia Smith, Lauren Zajac, Peggy Heenan, MACS – Suzanne Kendryna, Anne Cothran, CCWP – David Swanson

Next meeting: February 15, 2022 via Zoom

1. David Swanson shared information about the purpose of the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership and provided a demonstration of the www.chicookworks.org website, highlighting services available to counselors to assist with career guidance.
2. Suzanne Kendryna shared and reviewed a draft of the regional career guide and requested input from counselors. Counselors provided suggestions on contact info, dual credit/dual enrollment links, and additional verbiage related to dual credit courses. Suzanne shared the expected timeline for the completed career guide with the hope that the digital version will be available to counselors in January to assist with next year's course registration.
3. Kelly Kenny provided a brief overview of the SeamlessWBL software and plans to share more detailed demonstration at the February CAC meeting.
4. Suzanne Kendryna reviewed the fall career exploration events – Health Care Career Fair and Manufacturing Day – and shared suggestions for future virtual events (i.e. limiting sessions to 20 minutes, making sure presenters have visual aids to make the presentation more engaging). Jim Malec thanked MVCC for participating in Andrew HS's career fair. A virtual Trades Expo is scheduled for March 9, 2022 and Suzanne will share the event details in mid-January. If in-person field trips are not allowed next school year, MACS will investigate hosting a virtual "First Responders" career fair.
5. Lauren Zajac shared Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit updates:
 - a. Pre-requisite letters were sent out with information about testing. Students should have test scores (ACT, SAT, or the Accuplacer) submitted by 1/25/22.
 - b. Spring dual credit registration will run Tuesday, January 18th through Thursday, January 27th.
6. CLNA surveys – Anne Cothran asked counselors the status of the CLNA surveys. Oak Lawn and Reavis shared that surveys have been sent out but the results have not yet been disseminated.
7. Schools shared the current career assessment tools that they are using (most have used Naviance and Xello) but several are moving to SchoolLinks.
8. Next meeting date: Tuesday, February 15th at 8:30 AM