

**Westside AzTEA Leadership Team Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 3, 2008**  
**12:30-2:00pm**  
**Pendergast Learning Center**

**Agenda:**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

In attendance: Steven Andrews, Dave Beard, Ruth Catalano, Rae Ann Fox, Peggy George, Penny Hudspeth, Laura Kent, Laurie King, Ruben Montoya, Irma Sandercock, Mike Shepard, Rodney Turner, Shawn Wheeler, Mike Treguboff

**II. Business (old/new)**

Elections for chapter officers will be here before you know it! It is time to start thinking about Westside Leadership for next year. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to become more involved in your chapter leadership and make a difference!

**III. Share & Solve** (continuing this popular agenda item to allow members to ask questions, brainstorm/share solutions, and share new technology discoveries)

**Share:**

Penny Hudspeth asked about using Google accounts for student email. Laurie King reported Dysart has been doing this and things are working well. A gmail account is provided for every student and is automatically created as soon as a student logs in. Dysart does not moderate accounts but can access them if there is a problem. So far only minor issues such as with handshakes and verification have cropped up. Google will work with districts to provide an interface for student use.

**Solve:**

Question: Does anybody know a resource that directly addresses improvement plans for NCLB? After some discussion it was concluded that IDEAL and the ADE site are probably the best resources for school improvement plans in AZ. There are many improvement plans on the internet for various states/districts but it's important to meet the requirements/expectations for AZ.

**Share:**

Peggy shared some terrific new resources for you to explore!! Be sure to explore on your own since we weren't able to demo some these tools since they were blocked in Pendergast (Animoto and Vimeo).

**AzTEA Interest Group in IDEAL:** Have you discovered the AzTEA "Interest Group" on the IDEAL website? Feel free to add discussion topics or questions and share resources or answers to questions on the site. This was created in response to the recommendation in our last meeting that we have an AzTEA

presence on the IDEAL site. You will need an IDEAL to log in to view and edit/comment on the site. The site is listed on the IDEAL site under Collaboration>Interest Groups or click in on the following link.

[https://www.ideal.azed.gov/content/og\\_interest/AzTEA](https://www.ideal.azed.gov/content/og_interest/AzTEA)

**Animoto:** Animoto is a web application that automatically generates professionally produced videos using patent-pending Cinematic Artificial Intelligence technology and high-end motion design. Each video is a fully customized orchestration of user-selected images and music. Produced in widescreen format, Animoto videos have the visual energy of a music video and the emotional impact of a movie trailer. You can create short shows (up to 30 sec. with 10-15 photos) for free. You can purchase an "All-Access Pass" for \$30.00/year and produce an unlimited number of both short and long videos. When your All-Access pass expires, if you chose not to renew it, you will still be able to access all of the videos you have created. You can upload movies you have created in iMovie or Windows Movie Maker or even movies you have captured with a video cam to add to your video. There are some very helpful tutorials on the site that teach you how to do everything. Here are two examples of Animoto slideshows with music I created to explore the application. **The first show highlights Westside AzTEA members, and the second show captures some of the photos from our recent VoiceThread workshop.**

**Vimeo:** Free online site for uploading photos and videos to create slideshows with music. Take a look at the show I created with screenshots of our AzTEA Island on Second Life. The only limits on file size appear to be 500 MB per week, which resets on Fridays at 12am CST. There is no duration limit. Peggy George has created a vimeo of the [AzTEA on Second Life](#)

### **Ed Tech Website of the Month:**

#### **March Websites of the Month: Shawn Wheeler, Peoria Unified School District**

Peoria District Home Page: <http://portal.peoriaud.k12.az.us/default.aspx>

Shawn demonstrated some key features and resources found on the Technology Services and Training page for use by teachers and other district personnel. Highlights include Jumpstart files, Royalty-free music library, and Teacher Resources including "How To" manuals, documents and videos. Link to additional information on Web 2.0 Tools

[http://portal.peoriaud.k12.az.us/sites/Services\\_and\\_Training/default.aspx](http://portal.peoriaud.k12.az.us/sites/Services_and_Training/default.aspx)

#### **Laurie King, Dysart Unified School District**

<http://www.dysart.org/edtech.html>

Dysart is in the process of combining two sites, one for Ed Tech and one for Educational Services.

Dysart is using a tool created in house. Users can subscribe to RSS feeds for individual pages on site. Key features include: Latest 5 Items where viewers can view most recently added content. Laurie described the current T3 Program where they are rolling out a model which invites teachers to become part of a professional learning community where they will receive 60 hours of professional development online.

**April Website of the Month:** Rosy has volunteered to demo the Scottsdale District Educational Technology website. Any volunteers for May?

#### **IV. Special Interest Topics**

**Classroom 2.0 LIVE Workshop event**--possibly in the Phoenix Metropolitan area in late May/early June 2008. You can view the wiki where Steve Hargadon is organizing and communicating about the LIVE workshops and see the Arizona responses here:

<http://www.classroom20wiki.com/LIVE+Locations>

***Classroom 2.0 LIVE is all about Web 2.0 and collaborative technologies in education***, and in true Web 2.0 fashion, you get to help plan the sessions. The schedule is designed to be flexible, but should be somewhat set about a week before the workshop. Sessions are designed to be practical and we will try to always have one track that is friendly for the beginner.

Steve was enthusiastic about all of the responses from AZ and really wants to offer a 2-day workshop in our area. Dates/times/locations need to be worked out. If we are selected to host this workshop we will need your help in communicating it to our larger communities. If you are interested in helping to facilitate this event, let me know. [pgeorge@mac.com](mailto:pgeorge@mac.com) So far, the following people have expressed a willingness to help with facilitation: Peggy George, Ann Lumm, Julia Lott, Jennifer Merrill, Cherie Stafford, and Brett Hinton.

#### **Share:**

Please continue to add links, resources and ideas to our wikispace for District/School Ed. Tech websites, AUPs, presentations, quotations, etc. There are many people, even beyond AZ that are beginning to look to our wikispaces for resources, and we want to make it relevant and valuable to all. If you aren't checking the site regularly yourself, please do that. There are new Web 2.0 resources added regularly and we have added a lot of fantastic resources on the Social Networking Workshop link.

#### **V. Westside Workshops for 2007-08**

Update on VoiceThread workshop held on Wednesday, February 27, 2008--a great success! :-)) We had close to 30 enthusiastic participants and everyone

signed up for a VoiceThread account and created their first VoiceThread. We received lots of positive feedback on the survey. Thanks to Dave Beard and Sunshine Darby for providing this valuable workshop.

## **VI. Conference Updates (WOW)**

WOW is fast approaching! Ruth Catalano updated everyone on the latest information.

Issues:

1. How should we promote/invite administrators and professional development leaders to the Friday evening session? Limit 50 guests.

Laurie King agreed to work on a e-invite for AzTEA members to share with their district leaders we are targeting for Friday night attendance to provide them with additional information/enticement to attend the Friday night event to hear Tim Tyson.

2. Should we provide an incentive to teachers who bring an administrator to WOW on Saturday?

- Tim Tyson has agreed to do a follow up session to Friday night's event for administrators.
- Scholarships available for a limited number of administrators to attend on Saturday.
- Recommended incentive--1gb flash drive due to complications and expense in providing AzTEA membership or gift certificates/cards to bookstore or teacher store. Topic still under discussion as it still needs to be determined how best to oversee this.

3. Proposals still needed! Time to register and submit presentation proposals if you haven't done this already. Registration forms and payment procedures are all online this year: <http://members.aztea.org/>

4.) Volunteers still needed! For up-to-date planning information and volunteering to help with WOW you can access the site here:

<http://www.wienerdogs.com/page.asp?o=aztea&s=WOW&p=2488>

## **VII. Next meeting: Date/Place/Location Confirmation**

Monday, April 7, 2008: 12:30-2:00pm, Pendergast Learning Center

We have an exciting meeting planned! In addition to continuing our planning for WOW, Rosy will be sharing the Scottsdale District educational technology website resources, and Cherie Stafford/Kathryn Scott from Paradise Valley are coming to share their experience with planning/implementing their annual District-wide Media Fest. The Media Fest featured demonstrations, presentations and displays of work done by students and teachers. It was such an exciting, quality event, and an outstanding opportunity for the

community to learn about how technology is being used to support instruction across the district. We are posting our meeting agendas and minutes on our Westside Leadership Team wikispace. Please take a minute to go to the site, read the agenda and add any suggestions/responses you may have to the agenda items.

Here's a tiny URL for the agenda page:

<http://tinyurl.com/yq25bz>

Looking forward to seeing all of you and continuing our sharing, collaborating and visioning! We would really like to see our Westside group grow so if you know other educators who are involved with educational technology in their work, please give them a personal invitation to come and join us whenever they can. If they can't attend meetings, give them the links to our various AzTEA sites so they can access our growing resources and information.

Submitted by Irma Sandercock