

Westside AzTEA Chapter Meeting Minutes
Jan. 5, 2006

Members in attendance:

Nan Williams
Rick Baker
Ruth Catalano
Peggy George

Shawn Wheeler
Sunshine Darby
Laurie Schragge
Laurie King

Robert Waller
Martin Williams

Recorder: Peggy George, Westside AzTEA Secretary

I. Introductions-

Nan Williams facilitated the meeting for Melissa Frey.

II. Report on Grant Workshop – Nan Williams, Priscilla Lundberg

Well attended-23 people including Winslow, Tempe. Purpose was to showcase the Qwest grant and some of the available AzTEA awards.

III. Finalize Remaining Workshops for 2006

See goals handout for proposed topics

- a. LMS workshop – Caryl Jones, presenter. Feb. 15, 1:00 – 4:30
- \$500

Inviting Westside members to participate. Funding is still to be determined but it will either be funded by ADE-Maricopa County or Westside AzTEA. The workshop is free for participants and districts will need to release them to attend.

- b. January? Too late?
- c. Week of April 3 for possible next workshop? Will be determined once the survey is distributed and we know the topic/presenter.

IV. Topics of discussion for future Westside Leadership Meetings

See goals handout for proposed topics (Meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month-11:30-1:00-Pendergast Learning Center)

- a. Feb. 2
- b. March 2
- c. April 6
- d. May 4-WOW followup and finalize NECC plans; Dealing with AUP (Acceptable Use Policies) updates and violations
- e. June 1 ?

Possible topics/agenda items for the remaining Leadership meetings this year:

Laurie King suggested the possibility of holding meetings as possible video conferences so travel time would be minimized. Could explore the topic of alternatives for videoconferencing at the next meeting—consider using the PDS-TENET sites in Madison, Avondale, Osborn and ASU-West Campus.

Shawn provided a website for possible video conferencing software: ww.polycom.com/products_services/0.1441.

Under-used emergent technology—what is it and how can it be used?

Tool: Writely.com—way to share documents online that multiple people can edit. (web word processor)

Student blogging—what's being done and how is it going? Most districts are approaching this very cautiously. Laurie King shared that they are trying Blogmeister on a very small scale and it is going well.

Plans for NECC in San Diego. AzTEA will have a booth and will be doing presentations. We need to have a plan and discuss this no later than April.

V. Goal 2 – Survey/postcard – Peggy George
Can use azteamembership@aztea.org for people to update information. Barb Baum checks that account and has said she will update membership info sent to that account.

Survey draft URL:

Link to access survey draft #2:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=20931646588>

Link to access survey results for draft #2:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/Report.asp?U=164658835725>

Postcard would be used for Westside AzTEA membership update. Ask them to send an email to www.aztea.org to confirm their current email addresses—home and school.

It was decided to forget the postcard for now for the following alternatives:

It was suggested that we set up a computer at both Tucson Conference and WOW for people to enter their own information. Nan will talk to Kim Flack about arranging to set up laptops in Tucson. Nan will also check with Mark Workman about his arrangement at the PEAK Conference. Will also talk to Kim about providing a link on the AzTEA homepage for membership updating.

VI. AzTEA Board Update – Nan Williams

Met on Dec. 12 and are looking into submitting an application to non-profits to help leaders develop their leadership skills. Also discussed Qwest grant and PEAK.

VII. CTO SIG Update – Hank Stabler-not in attendance.

VIII. ADE Update – Ruth Catalano for Cathy Poplin

a. Student technology literacy assessment update?
RFP went out and 3 bids came in. Learning.com was awarded the student technology literacy assessment. The charge is \$5.00 per person for one assessment and already funded through Title IID grant for some schools. Would have to pay twice for pre-post assessment. 5th grade will probably be targeted to provide opportunities to remediate students. ADE wants one low and one high group for assessment if not able to do all classes in the grade level in one school based on the funding available. (2-month testing window through March and April, ending before AIMS testing). Contains some outstanding ethics questions.

Learning.com/products

TechLiteracy Assessment Samples can be viewed here. Rick Baker provided a quick demo of the assessment-all were very impressed!

IX. Conference Update – Ruth Catalano

First planning meeting is coming up on Thursday, Jan. 19 from 4:30-6:00 at the Catalano Conference Center with dinner and wireless connections

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Great new discovery: iSafe-free once you complete the free, online training program. Required by all Dept. of Defense schools for Jr. and Sr. High students—even parts for parents. Content is related to ethics, AUPs and internet safety.

Inspiring Topic of the Day:-Shawn Wheeler on Podcasting

Shawn Wheeler-Adventures in PodCasting...Journal and audio archive from the beginning—around Thanksgiving, 2005.

http://staffweb.peoriaud.k12.az.us/shawn_Wheeler/podcast

RSS Feed now available from Peoria's homepage. Building this RSS feed into each school site. All blogs have RSS feeds in them. He is eager to have people subscribe to his Peoria Podcast: Adventures in Podcasting. It will actually come up through the iTunes Music Store on a search for podcasts.

Barnaby Wasson, local podcaster did a great, extemporaneous podcast with Laurie and she is willing to share the link with us.

Shawn has agreed to present this topic at WOW with a focus on how teachers can use it. Laurie King will do a podcast session with the focus on using podcasts in the classroom.