

Westside AzTEA Chapter Meeting Agenda

Oct. 2, 2006

Members in attendance:

Steve Andrews	Penny Hudspeth	Nan Williams
Rick Baker	Amanda Hughens	Laura Kent
David Beard	Laurie King	Mark Nichols
Ruth Catalano	Jonathan McMahon	Quinn Kellis
Sunshine Darby	Kelly Olson-	Tammy Hernandez
Rea Ann Fox	Stewart	
Peggy George	Rodney Turner	

Recorder: Peggy George, Westside AzTEA Secretary

Meeting held at Pendergast Learning Center, 11:00-1:00pm

I. Introductions

II. Share & Solve

Laura Kent-wondering how many districts have done what they are thinking of doing in Pendergast-moving away from textbooks to technology with the new Social Studies standards; Litchfield is starting this process; NetTrekker (subscription service); Avondale is just starting this process with History Alive and Geography Alive and have a social studies cadre just beginning;

Ruth-If you did the TLA last year you need to do it this year—need to set aside the 2% funding again in the Grants Management Application; Literacy assessment and training

Laurie King needs help with the AzTEA newsletter—deadline is 10 days before each conference (Friday, Oct. 13). Send her news—articles from kids are great too—anything cool going on with technology. Pictures are good if you can get releases. Laurie.King@dysart.org

Rick Baker was interested in how districts are getting the information out about IDEAL. Glendale District adopted EasyGradePro 4.0 and now it will be aligned with IDEAL. Nan said their district is sharing it through their SmartBoard training group. Avondale used tech site facilitators to roll it out to their faculty.

Nan Williams said it is recommended that districts go to ASSET through IDEAL so the number of visits are recorded.

III. iCademy – Mark Nichols (ASU, Director of Community Outreach)
mark.nichols@asu.edu

6th year minus one; started in collaboration with Apple Computer and now seeking to collaborate with AzTEA. Would like to be able to post to United Streaming and archive projects. Hoping to have it as a component in IDEAL. Will provide support in any way possible. Cross platform (QuickTime and Windows Media). Exploring the possibility of getting everyone on ASSET/IDEAL with an ASURite ID. Downtown campus has classrooms equipped for recording podcasts in all classrooms. iTunesU pilot is now available through ASU for instructors to podcast lectures and resources.

Project-based learning experience for students and teachers around the state of AZ. Goal is to get kids to create content working in teams of 3-5 students in grades 3-higher education. Create either a digital video or photographic essay. See it as a culminating activity for a classroom unit/learning experience. Start recruiting students to participate. . A teacher can be on multiple teams but a student can only be on one team. Team registration opened on 9/18/06 and the submission deadline is 2/16/07. Winners will be announced March 2, 2007 and will receive awards at MEC. Hope to have students present at the AzTEA conferences for Tucson and WOW. Need to do more work to make teachers aware of the various technology conferences and resources in the state—many of them are unaware of them and the connections to the various content areas.

Each year a different critical issue is chosen and this year the theme is **Arizona Water**. Information is available on this website:
<http://icademy.asu.edu>

Two levels in the contest: photography and video (very time consuming) The digital video can be a public service announcement (PSA—30 seconds)-- or an educational film (3-5 minute educational video). The photographic essays consist of a compelling photograph and a one page essay either educating the viewer about water or advocating for something (i.e. conservation, xeriscape, water rights, etc.)

Winning teams receive prizes and an invitation to present at the 2007 MEC Conference, the largest educational technology conference in the Southwest, held at Arizona State University. Previous winners are posted on the MEC site <http://mec.asu.edu/2004>> but projects aren't available. Mark will try to post some on the site. A search for Island Movies on Google will bring up other contest examples. YouTube has tons of videos on display if you want to explore what's being done with video—caution—not all are appropriate for students.

IV. Review Workshop Topics and Leadership Topics data

Looking for teams to join –ASSET Workshops for What Really Works. Contact Irma Sandercock at Irma.Sandercock@asu.edu for more information.

V. Workshop Topics: Visual Ranking – Tammy Hernandez

Visual Ranking tool available through the Intel Teach to the Future program.

<http://www.intel.com/education>

Everyone in the meeting had the opportunity to explore the tool in a hands-on session led by Tammy.

<http://www97.intel.com/education/>

<http://www.intel.com/education/visualranking/index.htm>

This was the ranking activity we participated in to set the priorities for our 3 Westside AzTEA workshops this year.

Project Name: AzTEA Workshop Topic Choices

Prompt: Rank the workshop topic choices. Write comments why you ranked your top 3 as a priority. Our goal is to better define and identify the three topics for our workshops this year. Once we have that decided we will determine presenters, dates, and location.

Click on teacher login in the teacher workspace and create your own account (free) to use this tool in your own schools/districts. You could actually conduct this as an online activity by assigning each person in a group a teacher ID number via email.

The top 3 choices of today's group for workshop topics are:

21st century-literacy in the classroom

Emerging Technologies

Digital Storytelling

Volunteers are being sought to organize workshops for Westside members on these topics. ☺ We discussed places to host them, possible dates and facilitators for the workshops. We'd like to do one workshop in the fall and 2 workshops in the spring. Penny Hudspeth and Laurie King agreed to work together to plan the digital storytelling workshop. Tammy Hernandez will work with Amanda Hughens on planning the 21st century literacy in the classroom workshop. Laurie King had previously volunteered to help with the emerging technology theme.

Fall: 21st Century Literacy (after Peak-November/Dec.) in/near Litchfield

Spring: Digital Storytelling (late March/early April); Emergent Technologies—would like to do it virtually (Jan./Feb.) Peggy will explore the availability of the PDS-TENET distance learning lab for the week of Feb. 5. for a 2-hour session so it could be broadcast to multiple locations.

VI. Conference Update – Ruth Catalano

Tri-conference:

PEAK Nov. 4, 2006

Tucson Jan. 27, 2007

WOW April 27, 2007

Many presenters have already submitted proposals for the conferences. Partners are already making commitments for support. Quest has re-authorized the grant so we will be able to advertise it again. Information will be available at PEAK. Need to get the word out about the conferences and need help with handling the minutia for the conferences. Also need some great door prizes. Banner at Diamondbacks game yesterday (10-01-06) said Quest and AZ Diamondbacks welcome AzTEA.

**Next meeting is Monday, November 13 from 11:15-1:00pm-
Pendergast Learning Center. (Date change)**