

Westside AzTEA Chapter Meeting Minutes

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Present:

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Recorder: Peggy George, Westside AzTEA Secretary

I. Introductions

II. Intel Update – Tammy Hernandez, ASSET

Promoting two INTEL programs: Workshop on Teaching Thinking with Technology, the Essentials course and Leadership course (for Principals and Supts.). Teachers are very excited about the Teaching Thinking course! The Thinking Tool (Seeing Reason, Visual Ranking, Showing Evidence Tools) is a powerful tool for both the classroom and for staff meetings/professional development. It allows you to brainstorm items, rank order them and then compare your rankings with other people in the room. One teacher used it to have students rank political issues and then share them with legislators who also ranked the issues. Tammy demonstrated how easy it was to find on the Intel site and is free for anyone to use after a quick registration.

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

We want to explore how we might use these tools for the leadership in AzTEA where one person could set up the topic for investigation (teacher), create a class list, and everyone else signs in as student to participate. There currently isn't a way to import lists of students so students have to be enrolled individually, but Cathy Poplin will make this suggestion to Intel.

ADE Update – Cathy Poplin

IDEAL update (Integrated Data to Enhance Arizona's Learning)-is now up and running and an email blast/press release is coming soon. Certified teachers are the focus of this particular rollout. The AIMS practice tests are still accessible from the front page without logging on so students can access it even though they aren't the focus until the next rollout. When the student access is available, they can do the practice tests online, save their answers and results are available to teachers (% correct). They have to complete the entire test to be able to submit it. You need to register for IDEAL to login and they will assign you a password. You can't change your password yet, but that is coming. There are lots of resources

available to schools through the tabs across the top: leadership, curriculum and instruction, professional development, assessment and school culture. There is a calendar of upcoming events. ASSET resides under professional development and you can log in directly to ASSET through IDEAL. They welcome feedback and encourage all of us to begin to explore the features and resources.

III. AzTEA Board Update – Nan Williams

Goal 1: Increase Membership and define AzTEA's Value to Membership

Goal 2: Develop Strong Partnership & Advocacy Agenda

Goal 3: Strengthen AzTEA Leadership Development

IV. CTO SIG Update – Hank Stabler (not in attendance)

V. Review goals for Westside for 2004–2005 – Melissa Frey

1. Host events that showcase and explore the integration of technology, curriculum and innovative instructional strategies.

2. Improve communication with membership (at least 2 communications per year)

3. Host 4th annual WOW conference

4. Explore collaborative options - (alliance with various organizations)

We divided into groups to brainstorm what was done to achieve each goal and if the goal was accomplished and used that to develop goals for next year.

VI. Set goals for Westside for 2005-2006 – Melissa/Nan

Goal 1 - Host events that showcase and explore the integration of technology, curriculum and innovative instructional strategies.

1. Support crossover/collaborative efforts and positions i.e. peer coaches
2. Target administrators
3. Target and support LMS
4. Include "tech quickie" at each of the leadership meetings
5. Create 4 events + WOW
 - a. November grant workshop
 - b. Web awards info
 - c. ASSET – Intro to online learning
 - d. Principals – tech tools
 - e. Support for Social Studies
 - f. Leadership development

Goal 2 - Improve communication with membership (at least 2 communications per year)

1. Send a hard copy postcard to all members. Ask them to check and update email address.
2. emails 1 x per month
3. Retool Survey Monkey survey
4. December web award alert

Goal 3 - Host 4th annual WOW conference - Continue

Goal 4 - Explore collaborative options - (alliance with various organizations)

1. Arizona School Administrators
2. Arizona Library Association

VII. Westside Budget

VIII. Westside AzTEA Meeting dates – 1st Thursday of every month
Next meeting Nov. 3, 11:30 – 1:30, Pendergast Learning Center
Shawn Wheeler will present the Post Office options for communication at our next meeting.

IX. WOW planning meeting dates – Ruth Catalano