

September 10th Westside Chapter Meeting

Time: 1:00 - 2:30pm

Location: Pendergast Learning Center

Minutes (recorded by Ruth Catalano)

Members in attendance:

Stephen Andrews, Ruth Catalano, Rosy Escandon, Rae Ann Fox, Melissa Frey, Peggy George, Penny Hudspeth, Amanda Hughens, Laurie King, Ann Lumm, Jonathan McMahon, Laura Sheehy, Hank Stabler, Kim Thomas, Shawn Wheeler, Nan Williams

Agenda:

I. Introductions-Everyone introduced themselves. Welcome back to all!! A special welcome to Laura Sheehy, new Westside member--Maricopa County TIS.

II. Business (old/new)

a. AzTEA website, wiki update (how to locate and use all of our existing sites)

Shawn did super fast of what and where our wiki is...Be sure to join this wikispace and subscribe to either receive email updates when new content is added or add it to your favorite feedreader. Also, please take a minute to enter your name, email address and district on the member page.

b. Meeting dates/times/locations for 2007-08 (first Monday of the month)

Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan 14, Feb. 4, March 3, April 7, May 5

Discussion included different times and different days

Go into WIKI space and indicate if you have time and place to hold meetings. It was suggested that we try to hold our meetings in various locations to give us an opportunity to see the facilities. Please volunteer if you are willing to host a meeting and provide the month, address, phone number, number of people the space can accommodate and if wireless access is available (preferred). It was agreed our October meeting will be held in Pendergast.

c. Goals for 2007-08

1. Brainstorming—how to add value for membership (add your ideas or come prepared to share them in our meeting)

Pens

Wiki space

Meetings more accessible to classroom leaders – Satu, etc. Asked people to go to WIKI and make offers or ideas...

Use WIKI to put links to their websites that might be of interest to others (or need).

Questions – who writes or reads blogs – if you are a writer, why not share with the community. Another way to share information. Follow-up note: if you have your favorite sites saved on del.icio.us and are willing to share them with others, please post the URL on our wikispace.

Would it be useful to have a software and your personal experience and ratings – Laurie King asked if we were interested --- YES was the answer. We will create a special page

on our Westside wiki just for sharing software you are recommending. Provide a URL where we can explore it further and a brief description of why/how you use it in your district and what you think of it.

Discussion of Goals for 2007-08:

Peggy recorded additional information on WIKI – see "Goals 2007-08" to see the approved goals. Now it's time to add some specific detail to them in terms of action steps. Feel free to add any action steps you can think of to make the goal more concrete and measurable. We will discuss further in our next meeting and make some decisions about which workshops we will offer this year (topic, presenter, when, where).

Hank reminded of ISTE and COSN and the resources to members and we will keep posting updates when available on our main AzTEA wikispace.... Right now you can read some of the latest ISTE news in the Advocacy Updates section on the main AzTEA wikispace. (Thanks, Helen Padgett!)

Steve & Hank and Shawn & Ann L – discuss that the collaborative goal from last year didn't have much information ... it was decided to drop this goal for 07-08. (Explore collaborative options - (alliance with various organizations)

Ann moved to accept goals/ seconded by? ?? Passed unanimously.

One idea from Peggy... Add a section to our Westside wikispace to invite questions from educators who are searching for good online resources. It might be related to curriculum, lesson plans, classroom management tips while using technology, instructional units, tutorials, presentation materials, Web 2.0 tools, etc. Any of us could respond with recommended resources and I would make it my responsibility to check it regularly and provide any resources I can. I envision it as an interactive process where teachers might also share sites and resources they recommend once we help them become comfortable using the wikispace. We could set up categories by subject area and grade range (primary, intermediate, middle school, high school) as well as other general categories as needs emerge. What do you think?? We think this would be a great way to provide added value for teacher members who cannot get away from school to attend leadership team meetings but want to be involved. We want them to think of AzTEA as a valuable resource to support their use of technology in their classroom.

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

Dysart getting ready to release the first internally created on-line course – built in moodle – going through as team – get 6 laptops as refresh if finish the course. The course is on project based learning. 30 hours of content. New school set up for cooperative groups teams are 3-5 and technology mentor has to be on the team. On-line course work at building a unit of study. (so teams have 30 computers). Also putting in a very strict evaluation program. Will share when done to revise.

Madison also offers classes (learn to receive equipment)

Discussion about taking equipment away if don't comply with classes (i.e. teachers who move into a classroom with a Smartboard installed but they haven't taken the course to earn the equipment). This was felt to be important in order to maintain the integrity of the program for those teachers who have taken the required training.

IV. Special Interest Topics

a. Topic for October meeting: AUP's for Web 2.0 in schools--bring examples, experiences, questions, concerns to discuss in our meeting.

b. Suggestions for future meetings??

I would like to see us add a regular feature to our monthly meetings called "Ed Tech Web Site of the Month." I know that many of you are creating and maintaining sites in your districts or current positions to provide support for technology integration. It could be a district site, a teacher site or a site from any other organization (ADE, ASSET, Maricopa County, AZ-DEN, etc.) It would be great if we could have a volunteer for each monthly leadership meeting where someone would demonstrate his/her site and how us some of the highlights, how it's organized, what's working well, plans for future changes, etc. I think all of us would benefit by seeing what's being done in other districts and might even get some new online resources to share on your own sites. What do you think? We'll discuss this in our meeting and if there is consensus for this, we'll have a sign-up sheet for you to volunteer to share sometime this year. (Peggy's brainstorm prompted by her discovery of all of the fantastic resources on Laurie King's Dysart Ed. Tech website) Laurie has volunteered to be our first presenter in the October meeting.

Ruth shared online chat experience with her graduate students, Peggy shared www.slideshare.net, the slide show site for uploading PowerPoint presentations with audio. You can sync your audio with your slides and make it a self-running slide show presentation.

Shawn re Web2 experience and a Web 2.0 class and about how Peoria is handling the copyright issue.

Discussion about websites & URL's – Litchfield & Peoria shared experiences.

V. Workshop Topic Brainstorming for 2007-08 (add your requests/suggestions to the wikispace under the "Workshop" link on the wikispace)

AUP's that have been modified to reflect the use of new Web 2.0 tools such as blogs, wikis, podcasts, etc.

Should get list and then create survey of members to see interest

VI. Conference Updates (Peak, Tucson, WOW)

VII. Next meeting: Date/Place/Location Confirmation

Monday, October 1, 2007

12:30-2:00 (come early if you want lunch from the cafeteria)

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NOTE: This is a change from our previous meeting time of 11:30-1:00 to accommodate more regular leadership team participants. This was moved and accepted for the October 1 meeting to start at 12:30.

Adjourn--2:30pm

Hank - moved