

Archdiocese Technology Coordinators Meeting
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Upcoming meetings:

December – 9 CEFM
January – 13 CEFM
February – 10 St. Peter Claviar – James Taylor
March - 10 Holy Name – Wayzata - Wendy
April – 14 St. Joseph in Waconia
May – CEFM

Agenda: Discussing the folders we got last month from the Archdiocese on Internet Safety
Archiving student/teacher/school info
Kid Pix — which version works best?
Anything else?

e-mail question from Lynn Kennedy:

I will not be at the meeting tomorrow because we have conferences. I did want to share a couple of things with everyone.

1. If anyone is interested in free websites for their staff we found one called Weebly that seems to be pretty reliable and easy to use. If anyone goes to www.stjosephwsp.org and looks under staff all our k-6 teachers and myself have weebly sites so they can see what it looks like.
2. Two other sites I have been using are : <http://elementarytechteachers.ning.com/> (an elementary tech teachers ning that has lots of good stuff) and <http://www.pdclipart.org/> (for public domain clip art, quite a nice collection)

Michael has used it with staff ... drag and drop stuff. Thinking of breaking down k-2, 3-5 links etc. as staff webpage. Iweb on mac and hosting it themselves is a different option. Teacher ones are web based.

Is there a place for Moodle in pre-k – 8 school?

What run in schools – High Schools – PC's , Elem. macs. No laptops for a one to one. Kids are flexible on computers. For most computer use programs are web-based. Teachers may have different ideas what want for computer use and amount of time to be spent on it. Can check out work on Lisa Whittaker's site for scratch projects for 2nd grade and 6th grade. She made up her own curriculum for this project. Check out her 6th grade page.
<http://scratch.mit.edu/users/mrsW6tech>

Blogs – twittering – educational tool? Blog in podcasting class ... can set blog in blogger within google. Only certain people can post to it. Can set it so has to be approved before it is posted.

David Warlick has blog meister...

21classes has a few more things than blog meister. Epiphany school Webpage schoolcenter – designed it themselves. Each teacher has their own web page and each teacher could create a blog. Purchased schoolcenter. Will you have a policy regarding site update? ... Principal wants to see this updated. Homepage set up and designed and then teacher pages were set off of that and they are in charge of their own.

Web meeting monthly with Tech Coordinator and Principal and a few people meet to see what is working and what is not...review this ... Right to Publish...has RSS feed. Purpose of this meeting is for communication and marketing. Publish school closings there. Parents can get overwhelmed with information if redundant with information put out different ways.

Almost have to train parents how to view and use these websites. Word of mouth is how parents find out others are using websites. Once grades are posted online parents have great expectations ... if test was yesterday ... why aren't the grades posted yet? Keeping an up-to-date website is probably of more value to parents than posting grades. .. do grades mean kids are learning standards etc. High School it is good to have grades posted...younger grades not as important. If giving everything online ... how to do you keep students accountable? Give more responsibility to check own scores than going having late stuff home.

Review of the folders that were available at the last archdiocese technology meeting. Reviewed Technology Procedural Recommendations from Arch of Baltimore. We have many of these areas covered already. We all have policies. It was suggested we Post acceptable use policies...on google docs. Send acceptable use policies to Sharon Tomlin and advise that we do discuss these items at our Arch Tech meetings.

Michael sent questions to Mary Kane regarding topics we keep hashing over all the time what is policy etc for the Archdiocese. She indicated these were good questions. So decentralized...

Check with Mary or whomever regarding ties convention and archdiocese discount.
http://www.ties.k12.mn.us/Associate_membership2.html

Cell phone usage of staff ... parents walking through...students observance. Is there an acceptable use policy for staff regarding cell phones? Phone policy for staff. Michael post policy.

Whatever came out of accreditation process?? Anything we need to fix in Technology.

Learnia fell through ... went back to paper and pencil. Standardized online testing. Eighth grade does Stanford/Pearson. We use NWEA testing. How to prepare students to test online? Questions are according to students answers correct or wrong...get harder if student answers correct.

Correction from Mary Kane:

We do have some schools that are still using Learnia in the interim. Marty and I will be looking at the new Pearson criterion-referenced test. It will interrelate with Power School, Promethean and other products and will be made available to the Arch at a good price. Many schools have set the SAT 10 at just 2-3 grade levels with the idea that they would implement this new test at the other levels. Also, SAT10 can be administered on-line as well as paper-pencil. Those schools who administered it on-line found it to be very easy and liked the instant results and the ability to create their own reports for parents, etc.

See letter from Mary Kane to principals about testing on the Minutes page.

Kid Pix – Lisa – older is built for Mac's – Kid Pix 3X will be good through 10.6

Archiving/Backups – Storage – not recalling question. Storing files on pin drives and have a list of things can upload vs what can't do... Encourage teachers to backup files ... limit only to documents etc ... no photos stored on server. Some schools teachers have to back up their own documents. What if you started google accounts for teachers what would you do for archiving this stuff??? How would you be in compliance.

Post acceptable use policy to google docs. Easier to organize here.

Curriki check it out...ask to look at lessons posted...searchable indexible etc.

<http://www.curriki.org/>

STEM at Science Museum can go and ask for stuff. Like a science technology site. Can request things. Click on the just ask tab or go to <http://getstem-mn.com/Pages/Just-Ask.aspx>

Do you have technology needs for your classroom? GO to getstem-mn.com and you just may get what you ask for.

Want your own Lumens DC162 document camera for your room?(also know as Lisa's cool lamp.)

I was told of a classroom that got graphing calculators that way.

There is an attachment from Weebly on this email. This may be helpful when crafting your notes.

This "district" version of Weebly advertised below is the Pro version and is different from what I (and presumably Lynn) have done. My teachers signed up individually and are using only the free accounts.

Next meeting December 9th at CEFM