

Archdiocese Technology Coordinators Meeting
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Speakers:

Rob Boyts – First Tech Computer – Promethean
Knute Nelson – First Tech Computer - Promethean

Offerings from SMART Technologies. (Michael White)

In a nutshell - they have amassed about a million individual photos/videos/audio clips and other documents that have been cleared for fair use in education. In the subscription, it appears that teachers can share a login. However, there is a limit to downloading.

See the info and links below for more info. This page shows a good overview -

<http://learningmarketplace.smarttech.com/LearnMore.aspx>

Pricing - <http://learningmarketplace.smarttech.com/registration.aspx>

This may offer a good alternative to those of us who can't afford Discovery Streaming media?!

I've run into problems with more and more ".docx" files from Windows Word 2007 users.

For Mac users, I've found two free and fairly good options:

1) Download and install Office Open XML Converter from the Microsoft website. This converts .docx to RTF.

Choose the converter from the list.

<http://www.microsoft.com/mac/downloads.msp>

2) Use www.zamzar.com to convert .docx files.

It's free and it converts to a multitude of choices. It also works on converting images, music, video, and other formats in addition to converting documents.

NeoOffice seems to open some docs - is free and works good...takes a while to download.

For Microsoft users - download conversion file for Microsoft word 2007

One thing I wanted to talk about at the meeting is once again the use of Ed Tech Avenue as a meeting place for all of us to discuss topics and ask for feedback from each other. I haven't done any posts since my maternity leave started (best intentions...) but would like input if anyone has any topics for over the summer. I still feel this would be a terrific place for us to share opinions and advice. I had a post last fall about our Learnia testing experience in hopes it would help others going through the process, but I doubt anyone saw it.

What blogs, if any, are people reading on a regular basis? Not many read them regularly

Also, anyone else going to NECC this year?

I miss everyone and look forward to next year!

Jill Elfering

<http://www.btcsmn.org>

<http://edtechavenue.com>

<http://elferings.com> (baby pictures & updates!)

Sue Johnson is moving to North St. Paul, St. Peters

Has a bunch of imacs that need to be disposed of if anybody already has a shipment and needs some more added...or what would like to add some to this load...please let Sue know.

Next year's calendar

October 8 th	CEFM	8 th – 12 th grade
November 12 th	Jeanne Pringle	7 th
December 10 th	No meeting	6 th
January 14 th	CEFM	5 th
February 11 th	CEFM	4 th
March 11 th	Holy Family Catholic HS	3 rd
April 8 th	North St. Paul – Sue	2 nd
May 13 th	CEFM	1 st

Using McCrel and Iste standards come up with outcome goals for each grade level, Lessons to use etc.

(Good Reference) Book from Iste: National Education Technology Standards for Students ISBN:978-1-56484237-4

Possibly Check with Public School – to see their technology curriculum Plan

Photo-booth: Use for many uses...graphing calculator, say hi my project is about...etc. All writing and text is displayed backwards. Can use instead of Digital Camera.

Question: Drop boxes – anybody using them... trying to get away from printing. When try to direct kids work electronically it is difficult. Have issues with some permission errors. Mark up features isn't able to see some of the markings. Timeliner is stored here for ICHMS Converse back and forth with student works. Start with Work Group Manager possibly with help with

permission conflicts. Upload it to the teacher website. Created their own course management system.

Michael – Minnetonka tour of their public schools...passes referendum to 2017 guarantees monies dedicated just to technology. Pilot something and then spread out further, add support positions gradually and grow from pilots. They use SMART Technology...kids really intrigued with lessons using this technology. Technology Island, Student Information System also utilized here. This School does tours and is more than happy to show others. Trying to take their message out to other schools to show technology is making a difference in learning. They shared information about budgets etc.

SPEAKER: Promethean Developed for Educators by Educators

Rob Boyts – 1st Tech computer

Knute Nelson

Slate device – Tablet – Software comes with the board – not tablet

Current Version 3.6. Made for k-12 kids so is durable.

Active Arena – You Tube demo

Fully integrated teaching lesson – Promethean Active Classroom

Activote tool

Promethean uses Curriculum Benchmarks – sharing lessons. Free download for Teachers to share lessons and goes with Minnesota State Standards.

How we teach is just as important as what we teach

Easy for Teachers or Students to use.

Actual board - Finish can wear off after many many cleanings which won't affect results of board...but may have some "hot spots" that appear a little different.

A lot of licenses allow for teachers to prepare sessions at home and bring into class, compatible software for Mac or PC's

Activslate special bundle will be available soon.

Includes Slate, pen, usb hub, license for software \$600.00 unlimited licensure for software. (almost better with a screen...not on a whiteboard because of the glare)

Students like to go to the board.

Check out the resources on Promethean's website. Professional Development available along with the Board. Relationships with other curriculum based programs. A lot of free resources are also available. Have a Relationship with TIES.

Contact them and they will come out to school for demo. Can make software available for evaluation. Kristen Daniels from Hail Murray has the product and would be willing to share experience. Funding sources or grants writing? Title 2 Flex dollars, Workshops...PTA's PTO's foundations.

Start up cost for hardware and training – Board \$1550 (2 pens license board) you have to provide own projector. Full year's installation and full year of experience full classroom solution including slates and votes = \$4,000 - \$5,000. Included is a full year of training.

Can software import Smart files? Direct import of SMART files is available.

Difference between Smartboard and Promethean:

Technology – using electromagnetic in Promethean pens. No lag or delay in pen writing whereas Smart has some. More durable and faster solution – more to the future.

Smart – resistive technology instead of electromagnet.

Software prospective: Promethean planet pre created products developed for the education market. Resources available very good ongoing. Has handwriting recognition integrated. Instant recognition as well as after the fact.

May 6, 2008 141,000 Promethian members, 7,000 Smart members.

Have an awesome rest of the school year and great summer. See you back here at the CEFM on October 8th!!