Instructional Technology Users Group Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, September 26, 2006
TIME: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: ESU #3 Platte/Calamus Room

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http://maclab.esu3.org/weblog/itug/

IN ATTENDANCE:
Paul Clark          U.N.O.          Dennis McIntyre         Westside
Mark Carnevalo     U.N.O.          Robin Davis              Westside
Bob Goeman         U.N.O.          Pam Krambeck            Papillion/La Vista
Mike Burns          Ralston         Ken Groathouse           Weeping Water
Jerome Skrdla       Gretna         Paul Dwyer               Elmwood/Murdoch
Kevin O’Neill       Gretna         Don Dalton              Fort Calhoun
Scott Flynn         Blair           Bill Menousek           ESU #3
Tom Wicks           DC West         Jeff Ingraham            ESU #3
Charles Cover       Louisville      Jennifer Schrage         ESU #3
Todd Perkins        Elkhorn        Donna Flood             ESU #3

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADDITIONS
A. Introductions
As this is the first meeting of the school year, introductions took place.

B. Additions to Agenda
There were no additions to the agenda.

C. 2006-2007 ITUG Meeting dates:
   October 31
   November 28
   December - NO MEETING
   January 29 - Monday White Board/ Clicker Fair
   February 27
   March 27
   April 24

D. iShareInfo discussion - Vicki Hoskovec
The Data and Networking Department is looking to make enhancements to iShareInfo. Some requests included loading jpeg files under student work, spell check, green layout option, html editor, and Blackboard features. Vicki will email a list of proposed enhancements to districts.

E. Input/suggestions for this year’s meeting presentations
   Web Portal using Microsoft Server - John Willoz
   White Board/Clicker Fair in January
   File storage and access for students
   Media resources- PowerMedia Plus, NebraskAccess,
   iListen- voice recognition software
   iPod use in education
II. MEETINGS & CONFERENCES
A. NECC report
Bill Menousek stated that several NECC reports are in this month’s NETA Newsletter. Mike Burns reported this year’s conference was exceptional, one of the best. Pam Krambeck was impressed by the MIT $100 computer presentation by Nicholas Negroponte. You can listen to the Podcasts of all the presentations by doing a search for “NECC” at the iTunes store.

B. NETA
President-Elect Pam Krambeck shared that this year’s NETA keynote presenters are booked. David Pogue will speak on Thursday and Alan November will present Friday.

C. Model for Effective Instruction
Bill Menousek reminded the ITUG group that they are invited to the Instructional Model advisory meeting on Sept. 27th. This meeting is intended to begin the process of creating a generic instructional model that articulates quality instruction.

D. White Board/Clicker Fair
A discussion took place intended to discover the interest in a White Board/Clicker Fair. The interest is there, as long as the focus is on the effective use in the classroom and focus on their use in formative assessment. There was some discussion on the format of the day. Jeff Ingraham will attempt to schedule an exemplary teacher from Great Britain he observed on his trip.

III. WORKSHOPS & CLASSES
A. ESU #3 Fall Regional Workshops
Jeff Ingraham emphasized the following workshops:
  - Cyber Safety for Educators - October 26th
  - Interactive Whiteboards in the K-12 Classroom - November 14th
  - Finding, Creating, and Hosting Podcasts on Macs and PCs - Dec. 12th
  - Moodle training in November
  - Many more on the ESU #3 website.

IV. HARDWARE
A. ESU #3 Technology Concept Paper Update
White Boards - ESU #3 now has one Smart Board and two Promethean White Boards. Training is offered regionally at ESU #3 and individually through Direct Service Days.

Instant Assessment Devices - ESU #3 now has 60 “clickers” that are integrated into the Promethean White Board and a set of 40 from eInstruction. Training is offered regionally at ESU #3 and individually through Direct Service Days.

Podcasting - Training is offered regionally at ESU #3 and individually through Direct Service Days.

Online Learning - ESU #3 has hired Linda Peters for 30 days to serve as an Online support consultant. Linda is in the training process and will soon have the capability of supporting Angel, Blackboard, and Moodle.
B. Tetra Data
A presentation on data warehousing will take place at ESU #3 from 10-12 p.m. on October 17th.

V. SOFTWARE
A. Parallels
Bill Menousek emphasized this application needs to be installed in the user login, not the administrative login.

VI. INTERNET/WEB
A. Learning Web update
Bill Menousek reviewed the Learning Web chart included in the handouts. This chart states a brief description of the project, how Marzano’s strategies are incorporated, and type of support needed from ESU #3 by district teams.

B. Good Search
This is a search engine where you can designate a school district (or any charity) to receive funds based on search usage. For more information visit: http://www.goodsearch.com

VII. OTHER
A. NebraskaAccess
NebraskaAccess are online resources available to school districts. Access to these resources are funded by the Nebraska Library Commission. Information was included in the handouts. Learn more by visiting: http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskAccess

VIII. PRESENTATION
Tom Keefe from Pearson Assessments demonstrated the Classroom Performance System (CPS). The CPS is a wireless response system that communicates between a handheld response pad and receiver unit.