Indiana New Tech High School Network/Director’s Meeting
June 6, 2011
University of Indianapolis
9:30am - 12:30pm

I. Welcome and Introductions – David Dresslar, Executive Director of CELL

II. NTN Updates – Paul Buck, Assistant Director of Planning
   a. NTAC this summer
      i. Early Bird Registration July 1
   b. Superintendent’s track for existing schools
   c. 2012 planning track
      i. Agreements with Plymouth and DeKalb
      ii. Working with Muncie and Clarksville
   d. Demo Site – submit early to process
   e. Increase outreach to teachers (Todd Hurst, CELL)
      i. Newsletter
      ii. Allowing teachers to share resources and ideas
      iii. Identify advocates in each school – Advocate Network Meeting
           (virtual/online)
           1. Talking about the basic interest
           2. Will move forward – next meeting at INTAC
           3. Ultimately encompass all teachers in the state (16 right now)
   f. Grant opportunity for Indiana teachers
      i. One $500 grant every year to support a project in an IN school
      ii. Northeast Indiana schools – “Best Project” Launch in Fall 2011
           1. $1500 for project in each category (Leonard Helfrich, Talent Initiative)
   g. 21st Century Skills Assessment (Paul Buck, NTN)
      i. Working on a pilot – a major need for most NT schools

III. CELL Updates
   a. Data Collection Materials – Trish Wlodarczyk
      i. Disc – load school data onto and mail back to CELL
      ii. Data Collection Layout
         1. Updated layout to continue with the format of how DOE collects data
            a. Changed race and ethnicity
         2. Updates based on data for suspensions
         3. Updates regarding courses
            a. Asking for passing grade, failing grade rather than letter grade per DOE’s collections
      iii. June 30 is the deadline to submit data – CELL will clean all data and send to NTN
b. Resource Connections – Todd Hurst, CELL
   i. Feedback at conference
      1. Request to be able to access all the resources in one location
   ii. Will be in a folder on Google Docs – CELL will continue to update the Resource Document
      1. Currently includes resources sent out or discussed at a network or director meetings
   iii. Useful as a resource guide for new schools
      1. Get information on what has happened in past meetings/happenings
   iv. Additions requested by Directors: ALEX, Joe Lee – Apple Representative

c. Communications Updates – Lauren Howard, CELL
   i. Overall newsletter in inbox by 6/6/11
      1. Several stories from schools celebrating great news
   ii. Next CELL Conference
      1. Nov. 14 & 15 at the Convention Center

d. Rosetta Stone and HQT update – Trish Wlodarczyk
   i. Document: Rosetta Stone should not serve as primary source of instruction
   ii. Regarding the waiver to use Rosetta Stone as a tool w/o highly certified teacher – Feds said no to IDOE
   iii. IDOE indicates Rosetta Stone should only be used as an aid to a highly qualified world language teacher
   iv. There is the flexibility to use other schools’ certified teachers as teacher of record for a Rosetta Stone course if NT schools are interested
   v. IDOE’s memo indicates that NCLB requires Highly Qualified Teachers. Any software or technology that is utilized to deliver instruction will have to be facilitated or monitored by a HQT in order to fulfill these requirements

e. IHSAA and School Code Update – Todd Hurst & Trish Wlodarczyk
   i. Currently there is a school code issue regarding independent school sites and where sports are played
   ii. CELL and NTN will meet with IHSAA Make sure they know what NT is and what is wanted to be done
      1. It is not a recruitment tool – solely in interest of students
   iii. 2 board members who have NT schools – to clear up any miscommunication about what NT is

IV. Director Items
   a. PBL and PrBL – NTN (Skype)
      i. Geoff Krall & Megan Pacheco
         1. How/What/Why?
a. Haven’t seen the same progress in Math as in other subjects
b. Using a Problem-Based approach is now recommended - PrBL
c. Problem is much shorter version than a project (2-3 days) and focus on one key content
d. Can easily align with the common core

ii. Questions:
   1. What will training look like?
      a. Sessions at new schools and INTAC
      b. Will be offering webinars throughout the summer
   i. June 14 – geared toward math teachers – problem based learning 101
   2. For new hires?
      a. Schools starting in the fall – new schools training
      b. Sending “cheat sheet” for math teachers
   3. If a teacher wanted to start right now developing units, are there resources available for them?
      a. Yes. Currently uploaded to ECHO. Make sure the teacher has a NT account and they can be added.
      b. Find sample problems and planning documents
   4. Is math only going to be presented as problem-based and not project-based? (Had great success with Geometry as project based)
      a. If a new teacher, they should just go to a general PBL session at INTAC
      b. Most breakout sessions at INTAC for returning teachers are focused on problem based
      c. Intent is not to do a total 180 – still talking about best practices and getting students engaged
   5. Are the modules something staff can look at now?
      a. Those are available in same problem based ECHO course
      b. Had teachers pilot them in the spring – compiling a one-pager on comments/issues
      c. If there are teachers that need those materials, send name to get them registered

iii. Not a light decision – NTN spent years researching and feel good about making this choice

b. New Tech Honor Programs
   i. Awards based on school-wide learning outcomes – decided as a staff (one per grade level)
   ii. Students who gave tours got certificates of recognition – a “thank you” for their help
   iii. Students decided they wanted to do recognitions
1. Monthly basis – Survey Monkey where kids nominate their classmates w/ reasons why (based on learning outcomes)
2. Informal, but student generated and final decision comes from staff.
3. Nominees are mentioned in the school newsletter
   iv. “Street Fair”
      1. End of school year
      2. Students present projects
      3. Food served

   c. Additional Director’s Items: Led by Dan Ronk, Graduation Events/Ceremony for NT Students
      i. Spoke to crowd and recognized Core 40, Academic Honors and Tech Honors and highlighted NT accomplishments
      ii. Questions of where students graduate – with their main high school or separately?
      iii. Some NTs have their own Valedictorian/Salutatorian

V. Next Network Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2011 at New Tech High @ Arsenal Tech