New Tech Network Meeting
May 19, 2010
Hilton Garden Inn South/Greenwood
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Welcome Remarks
David Dresslar (CELL)
• Performance-based pay for teachers is an upcoming program for teachers, known as Teacher Advancement Program (TAP).
• Participants should be sure to network with other school leaders today.
• Member introductions

Introduction
Trish Wlodarczyk (CELL)
• This is the last network meeting of the 2009-10 school year. The next one will be December 7 or 8, 2010 at the CELL conference.
• Upcoming Directors meeting on September 8, 2010 at 9:30 at New Technology School of IDEAS.
• Reviewed handouts within participants’ packets.
• Introduction of Jon Reinhard as New Tech Network’s newly appointed Midwest Regional Director and Lee Fleming as NTN coach facilitating a Leadership session in the afternoon.

NTN Announcements and Updates
Jon Reinhard (New Tech Network)
• Overview of New Tech’s growth in Indiana and the Midwest region.
  o The heart of New Tech is in Indiana—during the 2010-11 school year, eight New Tech High Schools will come on board in the state. That will create a total of 16 New Tech High Schools in Indiana.
  o Six New Tech High Schools will come on board in Michigan, a few of which may be near northern Indiana. Michigan also is working to start a CELL-like organization.
  o Two New Tech High Schools will open in Ohio.
  o One New Tech High School will open in South Dakota.
• New Tech is also growing nationwide—a total of 27 New Tech High Schools will open across the country in 2010.
• The New Tech Network is creating new positions to provide regional support to these schools.
• The Network’s focus is on service, excellence and fidelity, all of which Indiana models.

Lee Fleming (New Tech Network)
• The New Tech Network recently hosted an intensive “boot camp” for New Tech coaches.
• Update on school coach assignments:
  o The goal is to tailor assignments to each school.
  o Also seeking to condense coaches’ traveling schedules so they are more available.
  o The current ruling is that the coach who led your school’s shadowing is your point of contact unless otherwise specified.

Research and Evaluation Update
Jill Bradley-Levine (CELL)
• CELL has developed a new method for collecting school data this year. Each school was given a folder containing all of the information necessary to submit data.
• The data schools need to submit is listed on a sheet in each director folder.
• The deadline for submission is June 25, 2010.
• CELL currently is analyzing qualitative data from each school.
• Individual school reports will be ready in August.

Shanna Stuckey (CUME)
• CUME mostly focused on qualitative analyses of Tier 2 and Tier 3 schools.
• Currently analyzing data and developing reports which will have focused feedback based on the school success rubric.
• Thanks to all the principals and teachers for welcoming researchers into your schools.

Announcements
• CELL—New Tech
  Todd Hurst
  o Meeting packet also includes a document outlining course offerings and other school information. This document is a draft and a final version will soon be made available.
  o Another document within the packet will enable schools to record school site visit attendees.
  o Next year’s tour schedule will consist of two pre-arranged dates per semester for Tier 1, 2, and 3 schools. Those schools will be contacted soon to schedule those dates.

• CELL—Communications
  Lauren Howard
  o The 2010 Indiana’s Future Conference will be held December 7-8, 2010 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. One of the keynote speakers is Tony Wagner, author of The Global Achievement Gap from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.
  o Also, CELL now has a channel on YouTube where you can view all the videos that have been created for Early College, High School-to-College and New Tech.

• Global Indiana—Upcoming Trip
  Chris McGrew
  o Global Indiana network launched about a year ago.
  o Upcoming travel opportunity to China in the spring.
  o School study tour/professional development in June 2011.
  o Principal shadowing in Germany.

• Engineering Projects in Community Service (EPICS)
  Pamela Dexter and Bill Oakes
  o Focuses on project-based community service learning with Purdue’s engineering students.
  o Seeks to improve the quality of education and communities.
  o Requires a multidisciplinary approach.

  Computer and Information Technology (CIT) Department at IUPUI and the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE)

• CITIDOE
Nancy Evans
  o Partnership between the Computer and Information Technology (CIT) Department at IUPUI and the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and its Business, Marketing, and Information Technology Education (BMIT) programs.
  o Offers college-level certificates from IUPUI in information technology and computer technology applications, as well as some courses in programming.
  o All courses are taught online by CIT faculty.
  o Students take the courses online from their local high schools while BMIT teachers serve as facilitators.

Directors/School Sharing
Scott DeFreese
Senior Portfolios/Lab
  • Arsenal Tech will have its first class of seniors next year.
  • Spent time brainstorming ideas for the senior portfolio to ensure they are worthwhile for students; did not want to do portfolios just “to do portfolios.”
  • Culture is very important at Tech—it is one of the oldest and largest urban schools in the state.
  • All New Tech students will take a specially designed seminar which will teach English 12 principles and enable students to reflect on difficult issues within their lives and communities.
  • Through history and literature, the course will pose difficult questions to students regarding poverty, the ever-evolving 21st-century economy, etc.
  • Will be funded by partnership dollars from TechPoint Foundation.
  • Currently building a Final Cut Pro lab where students will build the digital portfolios.
  • Also students’ work will be showcased in a wall of fame that they will leave for future New Tech students.

The Learning Connection
Jed Jerrels
  • Launched by the Indiana Department of Education.
  • Enables teachers, administrators, etc. to view and publish New Tech/PBL projects.
  • Visit website—www.learningconnection.doe.in.gov
  • Click Contacts & Communities—>My Communities—>Indiana Projects Library
  • Still in its beginning stages.
  • Math Matters PBL and Math also available under My Communities.
  • Buck Institute has a similar site.

Rochester New Tech Updates
Dan Ronk
  • Offer Mandarin Chinese course.
  • Will have first graduating class next year.
  • Next year seniors will be required to do community service.
  • Offer scholarships for dual credit courses to high school students.
  • In terms of senior portfolios, all students must complete a professional internship course or senior class project before graduation.
  • Math is still a dilemma that all schools are facing. Students are coming in unprepared for high school-level math.
• We will attempt to use ALEKS, an online assessment and learning system, in order to improve ECA performance.
• Also will allow students to use electronic devices (i.e., cell phones, iPods, etc.) during passing periods and lunch.

**New Tech PLCs**
Alan Veach
• Must consider how to keep in line with district procedures.
• Encourage teachers to listen to students what students are saying about New Tech—it’s a great morale booster.

**Conflict Resolution and Team Building**
Scott Kern (Tiger New Tech) and Chad Long (Power Consulting)
• Culture is a huge piece of New Tech.
• Often is helpful to bring in a professional development consultant in order to train teachers in conflict management, etc.
• A longer session will be at the Director’s meeting in September.

**Banner Presentation**
CELL
• Recognition for schools designated as New Tech Demonstration sites by the New Tech Network:
  o New Tech School of IDEAS—Tom Wachnicki
  o New Tec h@ Arsenal Tech—Scott DeFreese
  o Rochester New Tech—Dan Ronk
  o North Daviess 21st Century High School—Jed Jerrels
  o Columbus Signature Academy—Bill Jensen on behalf of Mike Reed
  o Bloomington New Tech—Alan Veach

**Leadership Session**
Lee Fleming (New Tech Network)
• Review of teacher evaluations—how they differ in New Tech schools.
• What are important characteristics of New Tech teachers?
• Sample Lesson and Feedback session for Directors during teacher evaluations.

**Networking**