

MINUTES
INDIANA NEW TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL NETWORK
MEETING & LUNCH
Tuesday, November 17, 2008
CELL Conference: Responding to Tomorrow's World
Indianapolis Marriott Downtown
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Marvin Bailey, Dave Becker, Catherine Brown, Laura Dodds, David Dresslar, Peter Gerber, Barbara Gillenwaters, Debra Howe, Bill Jensen, Jed Jerrels, Adam Lowe, Mike McDowell, Gerry McLeish, Mark Morrison, Megan Pacheco, Bob Pearlman, Joe Preda, Michael Reed, Dan Ronk, Susan Schilling, Theresa Shafer, David Shane, Nancy Sutton, Rip Taggart, Tom Wachnicki, Elliot Washor, Lynne Weisenbach, Todd Whitlock, Trisha Wlodarczyk

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To gain an understanding of the barriers, forward movement and partners' perspective in pursuing high school redesign and the implementation of New Technology High School in Indiana and to assist other school communities who have expressed an interest in moving forward with this initiative.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: David Dresslar greeted all present and recognized the tremendous involvement of everyone in the work of school redesign. Special welcomes were extended to visiting guests: Lynne Weisenbach, Vice Chancellor for P-16 Initiatives, University System of Georgia; Susan Schilling, CEO New Technology Foundation, and Bob Pearlman, Director of Strategic Planning, NTF

PeBL UPDATE: (Susan Schilling and Mark Morrison) Ten years ago, we started the Lotus Notes environment. Over the years, we have come to know and understand what a support environment needs to look like. With the rapid growth in technology and the needs of schools, it has become increasingly difficult to support a local network. We have determined a need to be on the internet. In 2007-08, we released 1.5; 2.0 was launched in the summer of 2008 followed by PeBL. Our hope is to bring stability to the system and remove the bugs by the end of the 1st semester. We have a new partner who is helping us with the roll-out. Susan Schilling, CEO New Technology Foundation ended by assuring the committee that we know where we are headed.

According to Mark Morrison, the project brief case and collaboration tool are working properly. Upgrades will be made to the journal and email. Expect to see enhancements by 2nd semester.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY & HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATES (Trish Wlodarczyk and Nancy Sutton): The Professional Learning Community and Higher Education Committees will merge, convening committee members together. The PLC will be named, *The Indiana New Tech Learning Community*. We will create an online survey to be administered to teachers and administrators. The survey will focus on questions pertaining to: What are the issues that are important to New Tech Schools? What types of additional supports and

resources are needed? Information regarding how to offer college credit to students, more training on Critical Friends protocols, etc will be addressed in the survey. Once the data is collected and reviewed, the committee will convene to develop a plan for support. The first training or info-mercial will be launched in January/February.

The Higher Education Committee will focus on getting university partners ready to meet school needs as well as prospective school needs. How can the needs be integrated? An increased effort will be to get Higher Education to work online and expand in ways only the schools can define. The power will be in sharing with Tiers 2, 3 & 4, etc.

INDIANA SCHOOL TOURS DISCUSSION: (Trish Wlodarczyk, Bob Pearlman, and Dave Dresslar)

Indiana schools have received multiple inquiries for school tours especially from Tier 3 schools. We hope that you will do things out of the goodness of your heart. From time to time, we would like to bring in groups free of charge for perhaps a smaller overview and shortened question and answer session. CELL would provide the refreshments if needed.

Rochester has 17 school tours already scheduled.

Bob Pearlman indicated the first week when he first moved to California, he was wondering how to do study tours. It took a year for him to run study tours as a revenue generating enterprise. How do you answer requests for visits? Concentrating them may work best. Create Executive Tours for which you do not charge, as a means for promoting study tours. This strategy will ensure that larger groups will want to come and visit. Arsenal will send the coffee bill to Bob for the recent tour requested by NTF.

Most importantly we need to set criteria for “charging” and develop a workable solution. CELL will work in collaboration with NTF to set up a policy with some uniformity that all schools can use a model for conducting school tours.

Three Indiana schools have submitted an application to be designated a 21st Century School Demonstration Site.

POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATES (Marv Bailey):

Reduce License Fee: Currently schools must appropriate \$150,000 to support technology development (PeBL). In many instances this serves as a barrier to moving forward. We are proposing reducing this one-time “right-to-use” license fee to be included in the governor’s budget for the upcoming year.

Ultra portable computers: We are examining Indiana Code and the State Board of Education Regulations, to determine ways to avoid the legislative process. Progress is being made.

Decentralized New Tech Network: This issue has been tabled for a year in order to remove the bugs before moving forward.

Elementary and Middle Schools: Moodle, a free and open source e-learning platform, is currently being tested at Columbus Middle School.

NEW TECH FOUNDATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Mark Morrison):

- The Spring Leadership Conference will take place in Austin, Texas.
- New Schools Conference – June 22-26, 2009
- All School Conference – July 27-31, 2009

Superintendents will be convening at the American Association of School Administrators Conference in San Francisco, CA. February 19-21, 2009. The topic will be “Sustainability: What does it mean to be a Superintendent in a New Tech Environment?”

UPPER-GRADE VALUE-ADDED REQUIREMENTS OF THE MODEL (Mark Morrison): A handout was provided to schools to review the value-added requirements of the NT model to provide additional guidelines for portfolios, college credit offerings, internships, senior project, and community service.

The Indiana New Technology High School Network meeting adjourned for the opening session of the CELL Conference: Responding to Tomorrow’s World.