

MINUTES
TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE
Schoolnet Integration Subcommittee

DATE: September 12, 2011
TIME: 10:30 AM
PLACE: WW54
MEMBERS: Marne Curtis, Michael Fornander, Linda Clark, Maria Nate, Debbie Critchfield, Mary Vollmer, and Penni Cyr

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am by Debbie Critchfield.

Warren Danforth suggested that a discussion be held about the changes at SDE with restructuring and how they pertain to Students Come First and Schoolnet. The discussion was held.

Last month a survey was sent out to school superintendents to find out their preferences with regards to digital content in Schoolnet. The number of participants was low with only 22 -24 districts responding. The overwhelming message was that districts do not have enough experience, little or no knowledge of what is available, and no funding.

Carol Scholz, Digital Content & Alternate Assessment Coordinator at SDE, gave a presentation on Digital Content for the 21st Century Classroom, including a three phase plan and timeline for integrating Schoolnet with the Idaho Portal. *See the attached document.*

The committee raised the question about what to do for the current school year. New contracts were not signed for existing programs because the belief was that implementation of the Schoolnet/Digital Content would already be in place. Because they do not have a contract in place with their current vendors, this resource has been taken out of the schools.

Ms. Scholz and Mr. Danforth both explained that there is a process that must be followed for RFI and RFP and that they would both work to speed the process up as quickly as possible and look for solutions. It was suggested by committee that maybe some of the processes could be happening at the same time.

This committee is finished with meetings at the end of the year and according to the timeline, digital content will not be in place until after that date. The members wanted to know what their purpose is, what they should be discussing and whether there will be another committee that will be making the decisions on commercial digital content. It has been the Committee's belief all along that their responsibility was to decide on commercial digital content. The suggestion was made that the RFI begin now so that these members can make recommendations before the Committee's meetings end.

Ms. Scholz suggested that the committee establish a list of specs that they would like to see in the digital content. Warren commented that they could

decide what the parameters are— what key content area should be considered when choosing components for digital content, not just basing the choice on price.

The committee brought up the area of professional development. Mr. Danforth stated that information gathered from the pilot districts showed that districts want assessment over content. The SDE is looking at what resources will be available to pilot programs and available to the entire state.

The Committee asked if the grant applications were ready to go out and Mr. Danforth explained Matt McCarter needed to go through them first.

The Committee adjourned for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

Debbie Critchfield reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Jeremy Davidson gave a demonstration about the different dashboards in Schoolnet.

The Committee reiterated that the work they have been asked to do has been accomplished. The committee is still a member of the Task Force at large; however, they no longer need to meet as this group. The question was asked of the group as to what they see their role being and would they like to be reassigned to another committee. Several members had a preference and the rest said that they would go wherever they are needed.

Bicker Therein, Principal of New Plymouth High School, presented on the implementation of Schoolnet in New Plymouth as a pilot program. New Plymouth is currently working on identifying areas that need to be refined. The district has had challenges with ISEE uploads, but are working through them.

The Committee asked if teachers were excited after the training. One of the teachers said that until the tools apply to him teaching History, he will not be excited. Teachers were excited that they will not have to wait for the numbers, Informative Assessment and Benchmark Assessment. They were concerned that ISEE upload needs to be more often. The system is only as good as the data provided.

The committee wanted to know how much of the information from vendors can be integrated into Schoolnet. Mr. Danforth said they are working with AimsWeb, Plato and Apangea on this issue. Schoolnet is also meeting with Pearson to see the possibility of getting information uploaded on a nightly basis so that when teachers view the information it is current.

A summary of the next steps and opportunities for participation is outlined below:

RFI Initial Announcement

- **SDE - develop Statewide Online Digital Content Technology Needs and Use Survey** for teachers and students
- **SDE - Release of draft online survey to Task Force Committee members** for review

- **SDE – Deliver final survey** to districts for dissemination
- **SDE - Establish the Digital Content Advisory Panel** – members of the Students Come First Task Force committee are invited to take leadership roles and or recommend membership from district level; curriculum, consulting teachers and ed. tech. experts
- **Collect, publish and announce survey results**
- **SDE - Draft RFI Rubric** (for Digital Content Advisory Panel to use during the RFI demonstration and discovery)
- **Email RFI Rubric to Panel for Review and Edit**
- **Schedule and Conduct Virtual RFI Digital Content Advisory Panel Meetings – 1-2 days held via the Idaho Education Network (IEN)** hosted from the SDE and broadcast live to four sites throughout Idaho including stakeholders statewide. Vendors will be invited to demonstrate their products and the advisory panel will use the rubric formulated to collect information and provide feedback.
- **Digital Content Advisory Panel Decision** Re: Idaho State Department of Education vendor for digital content

The committee thanked everyone for their participation and made the decision to close this committee and not meet again. They will attend the general meeting on September 13, 2011. The message will be delivered to Supt. Luna and they will wait for his direction as to what subcommittees they should be involved in.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Digital Content for the 21st Century Classroom

Three Phase Plan

Integration into Schoolnet Idaho Portal

Carol Scholz

Digital Content Integration Coordinator

2011-2012

PHASE 1: Digital Content for the 21st Century Classroom

Identify and Utilize Resources (Beginning with Open Source)

(September 12 – November 1, 2011 – six weeks)

- 1. Schoolnet Training September 7-9**
- 2. State-wide Online District Survey K-12 Digital Content Integration Needs**
- 3. Research and Compilation of K-12 Open Source Digital Content Resources –**
Organized into content/grade standards bands
- 4. Digital Content Advisory Panel (SDE and District) - Review proposed Open Source Digital Content Resources**
- 5. Align Open Source Digital Content with Content/Grade Specific Standards w/in Schoolnet –** (Idaho State and Common Core) and Instructional Best Practices
- 6. Schoolnet Open Source Digital Content Integration –** Work w Schoolnet to link to selected Open Source digital content
- 7. Schoolnet Open Source Training Modules -** Identify, Design and Deliver Open Source Training through Schoolnet integrated professional development module/s
- 8. Pilot District Implementation Schoolnet Open Source Digital Content**
- 9. Feedback Survey from District Pilots on Schoolnet Open Source Digital Content -**
Survey Monkey Request – Analysis of Data and Report on Pilot of Digital Content
- 10. State-wide Launch of Schoolnet Open Source Digital Content and Training –**
One Stop Shop Within SchoolNet – organized with separate grade level, content and standard specific links for every grade K-12.

11. RFI – SDE Request for Information- potential vendors

12. State-Wide Digital Content Survey Review Results – Digital Content Schoolnet Advisory Panel (SDE and District participation) - Convene and review results of state-wide digital content survey to; determine, prioritize and plan for purchase of SDE District digital content needs.

PHASE 2: Digital Content for the 21st Century Classroom - Commercial Digital Content Plan

(Year One First Round Selection - Research, Plan, RFI, Contract, Training and Delivery) – (November 2, 2011 – January 31, 2012 – three months)

- 1. RFI - Digital Content Potential Vendors Requests Received and Compiled**
- 2. RFI – Commercial Digital Content for the 21st Century Classroom - Research and Review of RFIs**

Goal 1: Applications which facilitate the goals of the 21st Century Classroom Including Collaborative and Experiential Learning and data driven decision making,

Goal 2: Choose one or more vendors to meet needs identified through phase 1 survey, with capacity to deliver variety of applications addressing district and SDE identified standards based application needs.

- 3. SDE & Digital Content Vendor Contract/s** (to inc; Integration w Schoolnet, Online Training, Help Desk, Delivery, Data Storage and Retrieval, Lesson Plan and Assessment)
- 4. Commercial Digital Content Integration** – Work w Schoolnet to integrate and link to selected commercial digital content and training
- 5. Commercial Digital Content Training Modules** – Identify commercial digital content training resources, co-design training with commercial content provider and Schoolnet, (Designing any necessary PD module/s to prepare state for launch of commercial digital content provider/(s))
- 6. Pilot District Implementation Commercial Digital Content Digital Content**
- 7. Survey Monkey Request for Feedback from District Pilots on Open Source Digital Content** – Analysis of Data and Report on Pilot of Digital Content

8. **Digital Content for the 21st Century Classroom Online Video Gallery of Best Practices - Identify Best Practices** – Work with SDE Content Coordinators, Assessment Coordinators, and Regional and District Level Technology Coordinators - identify exemplary practitioners of educational technology state-wide.

PHASE 3: Digital Content for the 21st Century Classroom – Commercial Digital Content Implementation

(Year One First Round Implementation March 31 – May 31, 2011 – 2 months)

1. **Virtual Training on Commercial Digital Content via Schoolnet** – Host archived online training designed during Phase 2. (Grade Level/content standards specific accessed through the Schoolnet portal)
2. **Launch Commercial Digital Content Application/s Statewide via Schoolnet**
3. **Schoolnet Digital Content for the 21st Century Classroom Best Practices Gallery** - Post video and resources featuring best practices identified during phase 1 featuring video of educators online within Schoolnet.
4. **Conduct Online Feedback Survey on the Digital Schoolnet Content Launch** – – Distribute Online Survey to stakeholders statewide, compile and review report on state wide launch and implementation
5. **Convene Digital Content Advisory Panel (SDE and District)** – Provide feedback for next steps for 2012-13 (Year Two) using state-wide digital content survey review results Advisory panel to convene and review results of state-wide digital content survey to; determine, prioritize and plan for further implementation of SDE District digital content needs as the SDE moves into year two.

Digital Content – Open Source Providers – For Digital Content Advisory Panel Review During Phase I

iTunes University <http://www.apple.com/education/itunes-u/whats-on.html>

Verizon Thinkfinity – <http://foundation.verizon.com/core/thinkfinity.shtml>

(working w them to become a partner)

Flat Earth Knowledge <http://www.flatworldknowledge.com/>

Khan's Academy <http://www.khanacademy.org/>

Intel Teach Program

http://www.intel.com/about/corporateresponsibility/education/programs/intelteach_ww/index.htm

Apple <http://www.apple.com/education/resources/>

Starfall <http://www.starfall.com/>

International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) www.iste.org

Science NET Links <http://sciencenetlinks.com/>

Read Write Think <http://www.readwritethink.org/>

EconEdlink <http://www.iste.org/welcome.aspx>

Arts Edge <http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/educators.aspx>

Smithsonian's History Explorer <http://historyexplorer.americanhistory.si.edu/>

National Library of Virtual Manipulatives <http://nlvm.usu.edu/>

NCTM Illuminations <http://illuminations.nctm.org/>

Edsitement www.edsitement.org

Wonderopolis <http://wonderopolis.org/>

Woordle <http://www.wordle.com/>

eSchool News www.eschoolnews.com

Partnership for 21st Century Skills
http://www.p21.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=504&Itemid=185

eMints <http://www.emints.org/resources/index.shtml>

Teacher Tube www.teachertube.org

One to One <http://www.k12one2one.org/>

National Geographic <http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/>

Glogster www.glogster.com

Webspiration www.webspiration.com

Blog www.wordpress.com (example there are many others)

PBS <http://www.pbs.org/teacherline/?cc=tlredir>

State Directors of Educational Technology SDETA
http://www.setda.org/c/portal/layout?p_1_id=PUB.2452.1

www.curriki.org

www.ck12.org

www.merlot.org

www.opened.creativecommons.org

www.oercommons.org

Commercial Digital Content Providers w some free resources

Atomic Learning <http://www.atomiclearning.com/k12/home>