**Staff Development Overview**

**Group B**

**Scenario:** Elementary and Middle School Level

**Roles:**

* Deb Hayden – Middle School LMS
* Stephanie Janigo – Elementary LMS
* Tom Leis – Middle School Teacher 1
* Sarah Lipke – Middle School Teacher 2
* Jenn McMahon – Grade 5 Teacher
* Sarah Loughrin – Grade 3 Teacher

**Objectives for Staff Development Activities:** Create technology learning communities to foster the integration of technology.

**Who Should Participate:** This is a school-wide in-service, open to all teachers and support staff. As a group, we recognized the importance of giving participants choices in their staff development opportunities.

**Introduction:** We set up our staff development much like a WEMTA conference. Within each time-slot, two sessions will be taught. Staff have the opportunity to choose which session to attend based on their own needs, skill level, and interest.

**Content Taught**: Written in session descriptions.

**Materials Needed:** All sessions required access to the Internet, a computer for each participant, and an LCD projector. For this reason, all session will be held in computer labs or using mobile labs throughout the building. If additional materials are needed, it is mentioned in the session description, i.e. cell phones.

**Method of Instruction**: All sessions will be a combination of demonstration and hands-on activities with the objective being to allow participants to use the technology being presented. Participants will have opportunities in every session to work with the software or tool being presented and ask questions.

**Plan for Follow-up:** The immediate evaluation will be a survey the participants complete within a week of completing the staff development. This will be done online. Long-term evaluation will be done with the enGauge results. Ongoing help will be given throughout the school year as needed.

**Other:** Keep in mind that with only 6 people in group B, we needed to “invent” other staff to teach sessions opposite ours. These session descriptions are short because these group members exist in theory only.

**Staff Development In-service**

August 29, 2010

**Schedule**

7:45-8:15 Welcome Back & Updates on Technology Location: Auditorium

8:15-9:00 Session 1

9:15-10:00 Session 2

10:15-11:00 Session 3

11:15-12:00 Session 4

12:00-1:00 Lunch on your own

1:00-1:45 Session 5

2:00-2:45 Session 6

3:00-3:30 Staff meeting for sharing Location: Auditorium

**Session 1**

**Do You Moodle?**, Presented by Sarah Lipke,

*Location: Elementary IMC using Mobile Lab*

This session will offer a hands-on look into Moodle – a FREE, online course management tool that is available to all teachers and staff through our district’s technology department. See how you can give students access to your course content, write journals, create wikis, take surveys and quizzes, and much, much more. This session will be presented by middle school science teacher, Sarah Lipke who has utilized Moodle to teach several collaborative units with the other middle school teachers on her team.

**Thinkfinity**, Presented by Dan Smith, Thinkfinity field trainer

*Location: Elementary Lab 201*

**Session 2**

**Presenting with Keynote**, Presented by Deb Hayden

*Location: Elementary Lab 101*

This session will provide an introduction to the presentation program, Keynote. Learn how to create a simple presentation, create and edit slides, insert clipart, apply designs, and run the slide show. This session will also cover how to save, print, and open presentations. We will also talk about and view other ways to use Keynote in the classroom.

**Teachers Domain.org,** Presented by Anita Read, CESA

*Location: Elementary IMC using Mobile Lab*

**Session 3**

**Voki**, Presented by Sarah Lughrino

*Location: Middle School Lab 208*

Want student projects to really “speak?” Using the FREE Web 2.0 tool **Voki** allows students to create an avatar, which is a digital representation of a character, and use their own voice or a computer generated voice to share a message. Handouts provided. \*Note, participants should bring their cell phone to this session.

**SMART Board**, Presented by Susan Readit, CESA

*Location: Elementary Lab 201*

**Session 4**

**Big Huge Labs**, Presented by Tom Leis

*Location: Elementary IMC using mobile lab*

Do you like to give your students choices in how they express their knowledge of your content? Do you like to present your content in new and different ways? Are you looking for ways to “go green” and not have students use paper unnecessarily? [www.bighugelabs.com](http://www.bighugelabs.com) is a Web 2.0 tool that can help you do all of the above plus much more. It has more than 40 different tools which will motivate and energize your students. Did I mention it is also FREE? This site is easy to use. If you know how to open an image file and type, you have all of the required skills to make hundreds of different projects. You can make movie posters, CD labels, magazine covers, calendars, trading cards, photo mosaics, and many other free things. When done you can email them to someone or store them in your own educator file cabinet right on this site. That’s right, your students can store their assignments on this site and you can access them right there. No need to clutter your own desktop or use up our quickly disappearing district bandwidth and server space! I promise you will have fun, if not I will give you your money back! Oh that’s right, I already told you all of this motivational and fun utility is FREE!

**Google docs**, Presented by Paige Turner, District Technology Coordinator

*Location: Middle School Lab 208*

**Break for Lunch 12:00-1:00**

**Session 5**

**Getting the Most out of Destiny**, Presented by Jenn McMahon

*Location: Elementary IMC using mobile lab*

This session will introduce you to the basics of Destiny – how to search, utilize TitlePeek, and use the useful links – as well as how to create resource lists, how to have your student do written and and/or recorded book reviews, how to make book suggestions and more. This session will also show you how to use Destiny Quest. Destiny . . . it’s not your grandmother’s card catalog. Handouts will be provided.

**Prezi**, Presented by Bryan Brown, middle school teacher

*Location: Middle School Lab 208*

**Session 6**

**Badgerlink**, Presented by Stephanie Janigo

*Location: Middle School IMC Computer lab*

Frustrated with students wanting to Google research? Want a fast track to reliable, online resources? As an extension of our Super 3 and Big 6 research strategies, this session will review each step with a focus on Information Seeking Strategies, Location and Access, and Use of Information. How to access electronic resources through Badgerlink, as well as citing electronic sources will be featured.

**50 Sites in 45 Minutes**, Presented by Danyell Daniels

*Location: Elementary Lab 201*

**Follow-Up**

**Staff Meeting**

*Location: Auditorium*

Be ready to briefly share one item you learned today and how you will incorporate it into your classroom this year.