

Woodland District 50

Technology Vision Team Meeting

Thursday, January 13, 2005

Meeting Notes

In attendance: Elissa Krex, Darren Liljegrene, Marianne Porreca, Judy Ryan, Erik Youngman, Phill Karabinus, Penny Dagley, Tony DeMonte, Scott Mitchell, Kathy Tragasz, Greg Johnson, Melanie Cirrinciane, Liz Fogarty, Rich Pattison.

Minutes taken by: Elissa Krex

Informational Items:

1. Networking at South Campus

Completed all networking on the south campus – replaced 28 switches, reprogrammed them and did all cable management. Outcome – IP addresses now up to 750, transportation switch replaced.

2. MAC Mail Installation

1,000 users switched over to Mac Mail. Tech advisors completed training this week.

3. File Server Changes

All buildings will have their servers replaced over time.

4. Web Site and Web Site Calendar

2 months ago we moved to a different webmaster. She is working remotely on the site. She is only maintaining what we have. Not many applications received for the new position for web manager. We are still looking actively. Experience base is low on applicants cause they are all students coming out of school. Our web server crashed about 3 weeks ago. Calendar program (Web Event) went down, and we are working on it currently. Fake link created till upgrade was completed. As of today, it is back online. We purchased software for a calendar. Web Event – we will manage the calendar with this program for the district. Discussed the position of web manager – not enough applicants maybe lower the set of requirements for the position to get a bigger base to draw interviews from. If you know of anyone have them call Rich Pattison.

Action Items:

Share Web Sites

- Reviewed district site – updates/goal to maintain- change board page to newest stuff and archive older information (Ex. Board Page meetings, agendas, notes)
- Teacher Web pages discussed – thru Teacherweb.com links on the district site- need to check for older pages that are not active

- Teacher Web addresses – have a query for teacher names easily found – should be broken down by school or alpha search
- District 219 – Niles Township Schools – Rollovers – clear and concise, not confusing, portal on site, focus on a lot of white space – not confusing on the eyes
- District 65 – Evanston/Skokie – white space
- Naperville District 203 – search at top –
- Winthrop Harbor SD #1 – slow to load – developed by outside company
- District #15 – Palatine – white space – search feature at top, tabs at top are nice with rollover feature – developed for 800x600 and a 15” screen, shapes are continuity based/well designed between pages, design is very clean.
- District #97 – Oak Park Elem. – Background nice – publications page is nice with color-coding for matching pages. List-serve also on page. Frame is too big for most computers. Bookmarks do not work cause all pages are labeled the same.
- Libertyville District 70 – graphic in middle is great! Front page is very clean everything else is at the second level on the site. FAQ is great and the glossary of terms. MAP of district is good for where schools are located.
- 220 Barrington – strategic plan
- River Forest – area links
- Glenbrook – report cards/verification of residency/great for realtors/bus transportation
- CPS – info on test scores and demographics, links and teacher recertification links and rules.
- District #200 – facts at a glance and a Spanish link on the top of the page. Turns the essential info to immediate translation into Spanish for those non-english speaking homes. The essential info is translated into Spanish and in PDF form.
- Layout discussed of websites – top is banner, left side is info to switch to middle is important info and to the right is daily information (school closing, etc.)
- Rich’s idea – unique/different: Banner with drop downs, left side with navigation, space in the middle with a graphic that focuses on kids – base of tree with branches on top and drop downs coming off of tree branch. Steps on the tree like a ladder for the drop down menus – unique front-page idea to make people say they really like it and think it relates to Woodland. Tire swinging from the tree and student pictures in there. Leaves as a drop down with a professional painting picture of a tree with rich colors. Maybe even a wildcat sneaking down by the bottom of the tree. Make site seasonal – winter, spring, summer, fall with the tree changing to meet the season. Learning for a lifetime around the tire instead of firestone. On the bottom have buttons that relate to the portal that you would enter (parent, student, staff, visitor, etc.) How do I get what I want quickly? If you know any graphic artists, have them call Rich Pattison.

Review: Drop downs, rollovers, graphics, white space, no clutter, no scroll down to see what you need for front page, Home page has everything there 800x600, sub-pages have scroll feature. Special story features also on front page. The theme is cohesive and the pages that go with the building change to fit each building.

Design each page at the building level? A person at each building would be responsible for that building page and not necessarily the Tech Advisor at the building! Hope fully would be someone in the front office of that particular building.