

REMC 13 Advisory Council Notes **February 24, 2009 • East Lansing High School**

Present: Chris Alvarado, Teresa Asch, Margy Barile, Linda Beachnau, George Bishop, Dan Davenport, Sue Hornbach, Sharon Kubica, Kathy Long, Linda Mondol, Michele Mudar, Dionne Mumby, Mary Osmar, Annette Pohl, Kristin Sandel, Sue Schwartz, Sue Smith, Teri Terry, Chris Turner, Jennifer Varney, Cyndi Webster, Melissa White

8:30-11:30 Professional Development, ELHS Media Center

This Discovery Day session was for REMC 13 member school librarians, library and computer support staff that support Discovery Streaming in their schools. There were beginning and advanced sessions to choose from. The beginning session was for the novice and those who were unfamiliar with all the tools. The advanced sessions showed how to integrate the materials into the curriculum. The participants also learned how to edit the clips in Moviemaker and use the videos in other multimedia programs.

1:00 p.m. Business Meeting, EL HS Media Center

REMC Reports

- Instructional Resources
 - Weeding collection in May, will send out list of deleted videos in mid-May
 - Give away day will start June 15 at 7:30 a.m.
 - Web/MAX
 - Reported on progress of adding videos from other vendors to Web/MAX
 - We will check into Flash as an option. Currently the options are Windows Media, Quicktime, Real and mpg4
 - We will be asking media specialists and tech directors to choose which format is best (choose only 1 or 2 options for everyone that will work everywhere)
 - At the same time, will ask for feedback on the usability of Web/MAX
 - Blackboard
 - Blackboard 9 is being released this spring, looking at the upgrade for this summer (this will be a mid-Michigan consortium decision)
 - Features of 8 were passed out
 - Safe Assign—not much different than Turn-it.com
 - Note: If an assignment is going to be submitted to Safe Assign more than once, the name of the assignment must be changed after the first submission, otherwise, Safe Assign will “believe” that second submission represents a plagiarized paper
 - Learn 360 Feedback
 - Sue has received informal feedback on Learn 360. There were both positive and negative reactions. Will determine next year whether or not there is a need to do a full-scale review of other products.
 - Online Resources Review

- The trials end on Friday, the 27th of February
- You can download the rubric to take notes
- There is a Zoomerang survey for each database
- You need to do the Zoomerang survey by March 6
- Sharon will compile the results after March 6
- There will be a committee meeting at the end of March to go over the results
- A recommendation will be brought forth to the Ad Council at the April meeting
- ProQuest Resources
 - Have been collecting I.P. addresses from all the districts
 - Schools will be able to I.P. authenticate to all the products. Schools will only have to use the logins and passwords at home.
 - Schools will also be able to do stats
 - Melissa will send out information once she receives it from ProQuest
- REMC 09-10 Membership and A La Carte Fees
 - \$3.57 fee will stay the same
 - The A La Carte Fees will be going up
 - Section 81 dollars which represent roughly 40% of the REMC budget are scheduled to be cut by 20% in 2009-10. This will impact the REMC budget and may be the catalyst for a fee increase for 2010-11.
- Co-operative Purchasing
 - 2009 Orange Catalogs
 - Out in districts
 - Distributed only to districts who requested it
 - Handed out Lamp and transparency price list
 - Catalogs can be printed from the <http://remc13.org> site
 - They are updated on the site constantly
 - Input on new/additional items
 - If you have suggestions for additions, please send them to Sue
- Professional Development
 - Adobe Connect Demo
 - Schools can request sessions—contact Melissa for a session
 - Regional Technology Academy (July 27-31)
 - Charging for sessions this year—\$20 for a half day and \$40 for a full day
 - Discovery Day (July 28, 2009)
- REMC/GenNET Online Learning
 - Mid-way for the third year negotiated pricing for GenNET online courses for students
 - The REMC Association will discontinue funding this project—not reflective on GISD. The project did not grow statewide as expected. At this time, we do not know if GISD will offer the courses statewide.
- Staffing
 - Staffing changes will be taking place at REMC. Will know more by the next meeting.
- Free Digital Citizenship and Creative Content Curriculum

- <http://clk.atdmt.com/DDB/go/117355154/direct/01>
- Recycling info for those interested in recycling computer/electronic equipment. This company has been used by Ingham County schools and Charlotte Public Schools.

Great Lakes Electronics / Detroit, 12600 Greenfield Road, Detroit, Michigan 48227; 313-838-7000

Comp Renew will pick material for schools charging only a flat rate per trip of \$100. They are willing to visit multiple schools per trip until either their truck is full or the work day for their drivers is ending (616-451-4400; <http://comprenew.org>).

Updates, 20 mins.

- 2008-09 Meeting Dates: April 29 (DeWitt High School)
 - Professional Development in the a.m. will be an overview of the Charlotte Schools Media Center curriculum
- StarNET
 - Leslie, Dansville, Stockbridge, Webberville, Williamston are not connected yet in Ingham County
 - In March, we will begin hooking Ingham County schools up to the Unitedstreaming server located at Gratiot Isabella (school's fiber has to be hooked up).

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Who would like to host an Advisory Council meeting next year?
- What would you like as PD next year?