

Professional Development Committee Minutes

February 26, 2008, 2:45 - 3:45 P.M.

Principal's Conference Room

Members: Steve Bluford, Meredith Galvin, Bobby Gavin, Kate Kodros, Mary McCarty, Hillary McKinney, Paul Molinelli, Kevin Quattrin, Linda Rich, Patty Zarkin

Excused: Charlie Dullea, John Stiegeler

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

- 1. Summer Curriculum Grants** – Paul distributed copies of three grant proposals, noting that two more applications would likely be submitted later in the week. Submitted proposals include the following:

A Physical Science Curriculum Review (Science Department)

Multimedia Arts 1A & 1B Redesign (Fine Arts Department)

The Readable Calculus Project, Part 2 (Mathematics Department)

Paul will email digital copies of the applications and will leave hard copies in Committee members' mailboxes. The Committee reviewed the proposed schedule for grant presentations, and agreed to hold presentations on Tuesday, 3/11, and Wednesday, 3/12, from 2:45–3:45 in Room 430.

- 2. Spring In-service** – The Committee reviewed the proposed in-service agenda, including a list of faculty who will be visiting local schools with student laptop programs, as well as Brophy College Prep in Phoenix.

In-service Schedule

Morning Prayer (<i>Orradre</i>)	8:30 – 8:50
Student Laptop Presentation (<i>Orradre</i>)	9:00 – 9:45
Workshops (<i>Classrooms TBA</i>)	
Session 1	10:00 – 11:00
Session 2	11:15 – 12:15
Lunch (<i>Commons</i>)	12:15 – 1:00

Laptop School Visiting Teams

Site	Name
Moreau Catholic (Hayward)	Kate Couch Chad Evans Anne Stricherz Reselva Tunstall
Amador Valley High School (Pleasanton)	Ted Curry Danielle Devencenzi Patrick Lynch Shannon Vanderpol
Gunderson High School (San Jose)	Mary Ahlbach John DeBenedetti Mary McCarty
The Bay School (San Francisco)	Jenna Boswell Peter Devine Hillary McKinney Mike Ugawa

Brophy College Prep (Phoenix)	Adrian O'Keefe Carol Quattrin John Regalia Joe Vollert
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The committee also reviewed the online survey (appended below) being used to assess faculty interest in particular technology-related topics. Survey results will be used to determine the kind and number of small-group workshops for next week's in-service. The schedule will be announced early next week.

- 3. Peter Devine's Sabbatical** – Peter reported on last year's sabbatical, during which time he completed a Masters Degree in counseling at USF. Peter shared with the Committee a specific project that addresses the issue of "senioritis," a topic that resonates with many of us this time of year. Peter developed a group process for high school seniors and their parents that places senioritis within the larger context of major life transitions. The program is designed to guide both students and parents through the meaning-making process of a significant transition, and to help them do the critical work that navigating a major transition demands. Peter explained that it is through these transition experiences that we all shape and reshape our identities. Peter also noted how elements of an Ignatian discernment process is embedded within the program's structure.

Peter described the full program as being comprised of twelve two-hour sessions that begin senior year and continue through the first year of college. Since it was too late in the school year to begin organizing and implementing this entire program, the Committee explored with Peter how the school might pilot an annotated or condensed version of the program this year. Discussion followed about how we might attract or invite an appropriate or representative sample of students to participate.

The discussion concluded with the Committee enthusiastically endorsing this program, agreeing that it promised to be of great benefit not only to the St. Ignatius community but to other schools as well.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: TBA

March 2008 In-Service Survey

Please take the following survey to help us plan for the March 6th In-service.

Thanks!

* Indicates a required question

Please enter your name

First Name

Last Name

1. Do you primarily use a Mac or Windows PC?*

Mac

Windows PC

2. Please choose your two sessions (and two back-up choices).

Topics include:

- BASIC CATLINK - posting assignments and handouts (with Justin Christensen)
- ADVANCED CATLINK - online quizzes, surveys, and student submissions (with Jamie Pruden)
- BASIC WEB DESIGN - Making new pages, linking to pages/ sites, and posting handouts (with Don Gamble)
- ADVANCED WEB DESIGN - working with images and embedded content from other websites, such as music and video (with Tom Casey)
- BEGINNING VIDEO - Capturing video, editing in iMovie (with Naj Fawal)
- ADVANCED VIDEO - Editing in iMovie and authoring DVDs in iDVD (with Paul Hanley)
- ADVANCED EMAIL, Rules & smart-folders, Calendaring, To-Dos on a Mac (with Eric Castro)
- ADVANCED EMAIL, Rules & smart-folders, Calendaring, To-Dos on a PC (with Albert Boyle)
- KEYNOTE - Using Keynote on a Mac for classroom management and embedding multimedia elements (with Justin Christensen)
- COURSE BLOGS - Teacher-directed course blog; online discussions via shared folder (with Byron Philhour)
- WEB 2.0 - Various internet web-services and classroom uses (with Eric Castro)
- TABLET PC - Capitalizing on the Tablet functionality (with Pedro Cafasso)

First-choice

Second-choice

Third-choice

Fourth-choice

Are there any other workshop topics that you would like covered during the in-service?