# **February 5, 2009**

#### **Agenda and Minutes**

Recommended video/readings:



Virtual Schools: Will education technology change the role of the teacher and

the nature of learning? Can new education technologies short-circuit change-resistant politics and remake our schools? Or are well-intended advocates once again overhyping the ability of electrons and processors to solve thorny problems of teaching and learning? In this Education Next forum, John Chubb of Edison Schools and Stanford University political scientist Terry Moe make the case for the transformative power of today's technology. Twenty years ago, this duo coauthored the debate-changing Politics, Markets, and America's Schools. Their new book, Liberating Learning: Technology, Politics, and the Future of American Education, lays out a bold vision of the future. A more skeptical view of technology's potential impact on education is offered by Larry Cuban, professor emeritus of education at Stanford University and author of Oversold and Underused: Computers in the Classroom.



Here is an excerpt from chapter 11 that Ben had the staff at East read.

- Set dates for next meetings.(I am working on setting up dates and would like to make our start time 1:30 so we can complete our meetings by 3:00)
  - Feb. 5th at 1:30pm- 3pm at East
  - May 7th at 1:30pm 3pm at East
  - Sept/Oct\_09?
    - Member Responses Here:
    - Talk about at next meeting...
- Introductions: New Governance Board Member Mark Priddis, Parent, Community Member, AT&T
- Old Business:
  - Follow up with exam activation procedure:
    - Teachers report passwords are working very well.
      - Office staff is working on creating a shared exam clearance list in outlook.
    - Processes continue to evolve and are postive steps forward into making eSchool operate more effeciently.
    - PDF student grade books, files, and records
      - K drive houses and will print on as need basis
- New Business:
  - New Website Launched! (This is planned to happen Feb. 2nd)
  - <u>Participate with Tesla Conference in Appleton:</u> Student Panel, Leader Panel, and school tour.
  - Current Enrollment Numbers
  - Planned Pilot:
    - Provide Kaliedoscope Academy math program for 6th-8th or 7th-8th

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graders with Algebra 1A & Algebra 1B

- Have been meeting with Joel Cannon and Al Brandt at KA regarding details
- Discussions with Joel are ongoing
- UPDATE: Received word 12/22/08 from Joel that they are looking to move forward with eSchool's online Middle School Curriculum Math 1, Math 2, and Math 3.
- Update: As of 2/2/09...may be on hold...waiting for Joel Cannon to get back to me.
- Web Academy MOU status in approval process
  - Lee Allinger signed and sent in MOU.
  - Summer School Processes updated for 2009
    - Note...registration is being moved up to Jan. 5th 2009...if you have any questions, please contact me.
    - Carrie Kadolph called me to inform me that hey allow other students to enroll besides FVSC if parents pay tuition? Might it be a good idea to promote this or leave how it is...only FVSC students? <a href="http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/SumSchool/consortium.html">http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/SumSchool/consortium.html</a>

## Where do we go from here?

- o Partner with Tesla....
- Hybrid classes
  - Using our curriculum to provide hybrid model for F2F classroom teachers?
  - Online requirement to graduate?
    - A couple states that require an online course: Michigan and Alabama.
- Online registration with AASD???
  - Facebook
    - Working on creating a eSchool organization page on Facebook for students to network and connect in the virtual world.
  - Other online schools in WI according to DPI Open Enrollment website
  - Tesla Conference Remarks: Students: Relationships, Collaboration, Connection.
    - How does eSchool fit?
  - What topics are people interested in discussing or learning about at our meetings? Please post them below:
    - Or post them here:

### Action Items:

1. Update Policy and Procedures document with approved items regarding generalizing dates for summer school and the process for registration. Items are highlighted and indicated in minutes.

# <u>Items tabled for next meeting:</u>

- Continue discussion regarding process for students if adequate progress is not made by the end of their pace-chart/semester. Process gets complicated as we approach the end of February as that is the last month we allow for enrollments for part-time students. We would like to provide flexibility to students, but do not want to hinder their quest of aquiring enough credits to graduate on time.
  - Admin withdrawal with option to re-enroll? Not the best idea because it uses up seats...
    - What does this look like?
      - Met with teachers and propose:
        - Teachers concluded that ultimately a May 22nd end date to the eSchool year and students would need to be done with their work, otherwise late and outstanding work would be zeroed out...grades would then be

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assigned. WCA has a similar policy.

- 2. 'BocaVox:
  - Transition is scheduled for August and September
    - \* Mary Lee and I talked about having our first FDC in October only for this year (Part-time kids in district). Thoughts and discussion?
- 3. New Course Survey Results
- 4. Wisconsin eSchool Update: (Connie)

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