

RGC Meeting
Saugus District Office
October 2, 2008
Meeting Commenced at 10:05 AM

In Attendance

Joan Lucid, Arie Korporaal, Vanitha Chandreshaker, Christa Serro, Arlene Anderson, Jim Klein, RuthMary Cradler, Themy Sparangis, Joe Oliver, Katie Warren, Del Hickman, David Rose, Yvette Abatte, Katie Warren, Bertha Roman, Pat Pickus, Kim Nichols, Ray Chavez, Dennis Large, Nancy Moore, Michele Biagioni, Chris Jones

News Release

Governor signs CTAP legislation renewing CTAP and SETS grants for five years. Ray Chavez thanked all RGC members for being advocates for CTAP and SETS.

CTAP Region 11 Year-end Report

RuthMary Cradler presented information regarding CTAP Region 11 evaluation for the 2007-08 school year. Approximately 62% of attendees at CTAP 11 professional development reported that they would “definitely plan to use the information or skills acquired from this activity”. Regarding Technology Plan assistance, CTAP 11 helped 24 districts and 57 charter schools with their plans. Thirteen districts were assisted with writing and/or grooming EETT Competitive grants. A total of 2,737 people were trained during the year at workshops and academies. Approximately 90% of respondents indicated that the CTAP 11 website was moderately or highly valuable to them. Some individual comments regarding value of CTAP 11 training were listed in the full evaluation report. All comments were positive in nature. Full report will be available on the CTAP 11 website for review.

Professional Development Opportunities for year 2008-09

Nancy Moore, Mike Leffin, and Dennis Large presented information regarding potential CTAP 11 sponsored professional development opportunities. There were 20 Level 1 and Level 2 Academies during 8 weeks of summer. Data supporting improvement of skills of participants in both academies was presented. Trainer-of-Trainers program was developed and presented during Thacher program, which took place during the summer. Thirty-one people were trained as ToTI's and are required to serve an internship to be certified to deliver Level 1 and 2 academies training locally.

- How will ToTI Graduates be compensated for training in their consortium? Once a region uses slots up from CTAP that are allotted, then how do trainers and attendees get compensated? How will participants be compensated for attending training? How will teachers be compensated for attending training above and beyond CTAP allocation?
- Below are ideas from the discussion:
 - Individual districts can compensate on their own.
 - Consortia can compensate during summer, districts can assume cost during school year.

- Since academy training is under-utilized (specifically in LA Unified), model could remain the same as current model.
- Once allocations run-out, districts/sub-regions are “on their own” to pay for continued training.
- If an individual district/sub-region wants additional training beyond their CTAP allotment they will be responsible for compensating trainers and attendees locally.
- Local sub-region can set aside some money from their slots to compensate trainers (resulting in fewer slots for attendees).
- Local sub-region can set aside part of \$5,000 allocation for Administrative fee to compensate trainers.

Plan for 2008-09 Academies

- Level 1 – 5 days face-to-face
- Level 2 - 5 days face-to-face, or 4 days face-to-face + 1 day online (Hybrid)
- iTELL – 3 days face-to-face + 1 day online (Hybrid)

All sub-regions can substitute one Level 1 or Level 2 academy with one iTELL training.

If a sub-region wants additional iTELL trainings there will be a fee of \$300 per participant. The iTELL training adds to the menu of trainings available to the consortia from CTAP. Academies and iTELL trainings with Hybrid model (one day of online training) will require participants to add content to online project plan builder to be certified as complete by CTAP. Local districts and sub-regions may decide when to distribute compensation to participants – whether on completion of last day of training or after completion of online project.

Statewide Updates

- High Speed Network update by Themy Sparangis – Brokers of Expertise program will gather people from all CTAP regions and add ideas and content to HSN. Go to <http://www.k12hsn.or/boe> for more information. EdZone is a site located on HSN for schools and teachers with many applicable resources. Go to <http://www.k12hsn.org/edzone> for more information. E-Rate information is also available at <http://www.k12hsn.org/programs/erate> for more information.
- CENIC Conference coming up. Go to <http://cenic09.cenic.org> for more information.
- Regional CTAP Funding 08/09 amounts presented on PowerPoint slide. Amounts shown are reduced by 10%, but totals may be augmented later in the year once final budget amounts are determined (potentially only a 6% reduction overall). All sub-regions must inform CTAP as soon as possible who LEA will be for next year. Contracts to LEAS will go out end October or early November.

21st Century Learners Symposium

October 24, 2008 at Cal State LA. Webcast of Marc Prensky’s keynote address will be added. Please contact Ray Chavez if webcast is of interest to you. Leadership breakfast is scheduled for the morning of Oct. 24th.

Jim Klein, Director of Information Services, Saugus Elementary School District – Open Source presentation

Open source technologies and their applications to academic settings were topic of presentation. Creative commons is a website where all creative work can be published and can be attributed to creator. “Dan’s Guardian” is an open source filtering software. GIMP works like PhotoShop but is an open source piece of software. Open technologies offer reduced costs, better quality, more flexibility, higher performance, more reliability, higher security. Green computing initiative allows use of older machines by installing Linux on them and using them as dumb terminals with thin-client. All are connected to a local server to run programs and reach the Internet. Reduces hazardous waste through recycling. Web 2.0 tools are about community and collaboration. Zimbra is a webmail and calendaring software that works well online. There is a free edition and a supported edition of Zimbra. Neo Office is an Office application for a Mac platform. Social Networking, including wikis, blogs, podcasts, etc., are readily available in Open Source. ELGG is an open source software that creates a social networking system. Design a dream classroom at <http://classroom4teachers.org>. Parents and larger audiences can see student work as it is posted online and can comment. This is authentic audience and assessment. Students can collaborate together or with teachers using collaborative tools.

Meeting ended at 1:10 PM