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EmilyW: Kathie, you are a website coordinator?

KathieK: Yes I am

EmilyW: do you just update the website?

PatriciaCh: ok

PatriciaCh: how are you Kathie?

KathieK: I'm fine, Pat. Cold! Emily, I do a number of things on the College site since I am the only FTE working on the site

KathieK: We have some other people on campus trained to update their portions of the site but it is only a few people. And I have student assistants

EmilyW: what is fte?

PatriciaCh: we have our share of cold this week....

KathieK: Sorry, Full Time Employee

KathieK: I heard it's been chilly in FL... but I'll trade ya for the snow we got on Sunday!

KathieK: Emily, have we met?

EmilyW: I don't think so

KathieK: Just curious how you knew my profession.

PatriciaCh: quite true

EmilyW: I looked at your profile

KathieK: Oh! LOL

KathieK: I work at a private women's college in CT.

BjB: do you know how to ID a Tapped In member, Kathie?

KathieK: www.sjc.edu and admissions.sjc.edu are both my sites

KathieK: no I don't

BjB . o O (teachable moment)

BjB: click one time on a name under the HERE tab to the left of the chat window

BjB: then click on the green i at the bottom of the frame

BjB: you won't go anywhere...you see the ID info above this chat window

BjB: did you know how to do that, Pat?

PatriciaCh: no

PatriciaCh: but I will try

BjB . o O (Emily, we must just be too nosy)

PatriciaCh: no...but it is good to know about each other

KathieK: Oh, Emily you have an interesting background!

EmilyW: I guess

PatriciaCh: Yes you do

BjB smiles. Yes, pretty important, Pat

BjB . o O (there are over 19,000 Tapped In members)

EmilyW: I want to do websites for schools

KathieK: We will actually be looking for someone to focus on integrating tech into the classroom soon but unfortunately we are looking for a mngr position and someone with supvr experience

PatriciaCh: and it is nice to have a picture of someone too

PatriciaCh: I like to know people....

EmilyW: I am looking for work in DC

PatriciaCh: How long have you been looking?

KathieK: If I should hear of anything I will let you know.

EmilyW: almost 2 years

PatriciaCh: wow...definitely...if we hear of anything ...we will be in touch

KathieK: I will get you a listserv to join, let me look it up for you.

EmilyW: thanks

PatriciaCh: I have to think about this.... sometimes...I remember sites that people tell me about....but I have senior moments....then it is an Epiphany...

BjB chuckles

KathieK: Univ & College Webmasters listserv - I can't recall how to join but you can e-mail splendid@umich.edu for instructions

BjB . o O (Emily is too young to have senior moments...Kathie probably is too)

KathieK: they post job openings occasionally

KathieK: Hah, I have 'em all the time

BjB: <http://www.uni.edu/webtools/uwebd.html>

PatriciaCh: senior moments are great excuses for all ages

EmilyW: I just did a search and found it

PatriciaCh: between Built Season and Valentine's day..it will be a slow night

BjB agrees

PatriciaCh: I heard from 2 California teachers joining the group

BjB: excellent!

PatriciaCh: I did sent them welcome messages

KathieK: And I just sent messages to two people on ChiefDelphi

PatriciaCh: I am working solutions to word problems....how to solve them

BjB: Pat, you might want to think about being here on Tuesday, March 21

BjB: it's not your reg scheduled time...

NehalitaSt joined the room.

BjB: but that will be the week of Hurricane Expo

BjB: Hi, Nehalita. Welcome

PatriciaCh: hi Neha

NehalitaSt: Hi, how are you all?

PatriciaCh: what is on Tues

PatriciaCh: ok....I will put it on my calendar

BjB: we're hoping that there will be lots of activity in the student campus

KathieK: Hi

BjB: and if it's not a problem, I'll add you to the list of scheduled events

PatriciaCh: ok....the robot should be shipped by then

KathieK: I just hung up with a rookie FRC team in NH that is a bit behind! I told him they are not the only ones!

KathieK: They got funding and opted to do FRC instead of FVC this year

BjB: how about just scheduling for March 21 and taking a break during March?

BjB: what is FRC and FVC?

PatriciaCh: that might not be a bad idea...

BjB: . o O (I don't do robotic speak)

NehalitaSt: I just got your message Kathie, thanks, give me a few minutes and I'll be back

LisaPer joined the room.

LisaPer: hello all

BjB: Hi, Lisa. Welcome

PatriciaCh: FRC is the big robots FVC is the VEx...a small version ...both are for high schoolers

BjB: thanks, Pat

KathieK: you type faster than me!

PatriciaCh: Hi Lisa

LisaPer smiles

KathieK: FLL is for 9-14 year olds (FIRST LEGO League) and JFLL is for 6-9 yrs old Junior FIRST LEGO League

LisaPer: how is everyone's season going thus far?

KathieK: Mine is great! (no team!)

LisaPer: hehe

PatriciaCh: we are still trying to get it together.... they are all at the pit tonight

KathieK: Actually, being on the other side is a whole nuther experience

LisaPer: yup, same here

LisaPer: we've been meeting every day

PatriciaCh: Kathie: you don't have to chew on your nails

PatriciaCh: everyday and weekends

KathieK: Pat, I have two competitions and a conference I'm helping oragnize - there's a lot of nail chewing!

PatriciaCh: Just a heads ups--- on the 2-28....we are trying to do a RCU meeting here too

KathieK: Tonight I am calling the teams who filled out forms on the FIRST website indicating an interest in Vex

PatriciaCh: okay....

PatriciaCh: we thought of that too...but not enough mentors to go around

KathieK: thanks, it's in my calendar

KathieK: We are hosting the FRC event in Hartford at the same time as the Vex event and a FLL scrimmage too

PatriciaCh: I am hoping that the 2 Californians and the other Canadian teachers will join us tonight

PatriciaCh: Nail = biting time

KathieK: Is anyone coming to Hartford in March?

PatriciaCh: no...Orlando and Palmetto

LisaPer: nope

PatriciaCh: Neha are you going to Orlando?

LisaPer: anyone coming to waterloo or GLR?

LisaPer: or Detroit for that matter

KathieK: no

LisaPer: aw

KathieK: I'll be in Atlanta for champs though

PatriciaCh: no

LisaPer: very awesome

PatriciaCh: Atlanta for sure

LisaPer: I'm trying to organize the international RCU meeting for that

KathieK: be sure to let me know.

LisaPer: just gotta get through build season first..

LisaPer: will do

PatriciaCh: I will help you ...just let me know what to do

LisaPer: thanks!

PatriciaCh: I have to plan Orlando and Palmetto...actually I farmed it out...but I have to make sure things are done

LisaPer: hopefully we'll be able to actually book a conference room and such

PatriciaCh: I am sure Robyn and Nancy is at their PIT tonight

LisaPer: so as to avoid the hecticness

LisaPer: oh yes

PatriciaCh: oh yes..

LisaPer: if they didn't kick us out, I'd totally be there right now

LisaPer: *sigh* darn school rules.

PatriciaCh: we really do not have a curfew

NancyJK joined the room.

PatriciaCh: thank goodness

LisaPer: hello!

BjB: hi, Nancy

PatriciaCh: hello Nancy we were talking about you

NancyJK: Hi, may have to leave to help out with a robot! How is everyone and what is the topic???

JeffC joined the room.

PatriciaCh: a couple to teachers are trying to connect with us...I got the emails..but they are not here yet

PatriciaCh: hi Jeff

JeffC: Do they know how to get here Pat?

PatriciaCh: Yes....they join the group first....that is how I know...and I sent them an email

PatriciaCh: ok

BjB: Pat, what are the names of the two people you're looking for?

LisaPer: it happens a lot here.. darn dorm connections..

PatriciaCh: Let me check

NancyJK: Technology is amazing, isn't it? Lisa you can design/discover another way that is better! I know you can!

LisaPer: actually.. speaking of which

LisaPer: my engineering group, we may be working on something having to do with providing wireless all over campus

KathieK: that's an interesting project

PatriciaCh: Sharron Broeland Michelle Joy

NancyJK: and after wireless there will be????

LisaPer: yup! either that, or podcasting/lecture notes

KathieK: I just read about that the other day...

PatriciaCh: some campus are wireless all over...it is great

LisaPer: ours just isn't in the dorms

KathieK: how podcasting lecture notes has resulted in nonattendance in class

LisaPer: oh, someone did a study on it

PatriciaCh: and

LisaPer: and the percentage that showed up to class after actually wasn't too much smaller

NancyJK: ummmm, well a way to save money, you don't have to have lecture halls!

LisaPer: haha YES!

LisaPer: i second that motion

EmilyW left the room (signed off).

NancyJK: Are we waiting for more people to join? or are there questions we can answer while waiting?

PatriciaCh: then you can do it at home

PatriciaCh: any ???

NancyJK: Okay, so colleges can save on lectures halls, don't need them and the kids can live at home, so we won't need dorms!!!!!!

KathieK: Is there anything that teams really would like at the regionals? (A loaded question)

KathieK: Lisa, <http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,1249,635181866,00.html>

PatriciaCh: Save a bundle...but you will not get rid of the kids at all

NancyJK: ummmmm will have to figure that one out!

KathieK: We're selling our house and RVing full-time so they don't have a place to call home! LOL

PatriciaCh: it is a thought

LisaPer: hehe

PatriciaCh: Kathie: no forwarding address

BjB laughs...I love it!

KathieK: Nope, we'll come visit the grandkids when they arrive

NancyJK: Gee, I think I hear more and more people talking about doing that. Of course an RV is as expensive as a house!

LisaPer: ooph, it appears I must leave already plenty of schoolwork ahead of me

LisaPer: adios all, and good luck with the remainder of build!

PatriciaCh: A teacher in my school is doing that... and retire

KathieK: We have one - it's been used as the RAGE tailgating place at the UTC regional for several years but that era is over - new venue

PatriciaCh: Lisa...good luck...let me know how I can help

LisaPer: thanks again

LisaPer left the room (signed off).

NancyJK: Good luck with the rest of the week Lisa

KathieK: well, ladies, any other things to discuss?

NancyJK: So to be constructive as I may get pulled away at any moment here.....what can we answer for BJB or Jeff C as I think I don't know them

KathieK: RAGE wants me to bring the digital camera up to the build location in a little bit

JeffC: We're on Helpdesk here at Tapped In Nancy.

PatriciaCh: Nancy..BJB and Jeff C are part of Tapped

PatriciaCh: We like chatting with them

NancyJK: OH! Then the initials do look familiar

PatriciaCh: and they are a great help to us

BjB: we like to observe how you build community and help each other...

PatriciaCh: oh

BjB: and we like to talk to you too

PatriciaCh: so what do you think?

NancyJK: Well, I know people in my area (not just robotics) are soooooo busy these days

PatriciaCh: We are prepping our kids for the state test in 3 weeks....we are almost brain dead

BjB . o O (and the kids?)

NancyJK: Hopefully once the build season is done more robotics people will be here and maybe after the February break, if there is one more teachers will have time?????

PatriciaCh: us and the kids

NancyJK: I thought you had those tests the last time we talked?????

PatriciaCh: I hope so....I think we are stretched thin at this time

NancyJK: We have state mandated testing in May I believe, but only for sophomores

PatriciaCh: no....we have 5 school district tests to take....we are taking number 4 this Friday

PatriciaCh: the state mandated are in 3 weeks

NancyJK: Our ELL populations just finished their written mandated testing

PatriciaCh: we did that last week

KathieK: ours is in March - we moved the Vex tournament one day because of it

NancyJK: OUCH! I will stay in NH

PatriciaCh: then in 3 weeks....it is math reading for grades 3-10 and science for 8, 10

KathieK: Ladies, if you don't mind I think I will get back to calling Vex teams before it gets too late...

PatriciaCh: It is so crazy...I proctor the math and reading - middle school on the 3/7, 8 then I leave for Orlando...the regional conflicts with High School..they give it 3/9,10

PatriciaCh: See you later Kathie

KathieK: bye

KathieK left the room (signed off).

BjB wonders if there is First Robotics competition in Taiwan?

PatriciaCh: our kids do not know whether to stay to test or go

PatriciaCh: we can check that out

NancyJK: Well, Japanese teams come to US I don't know about Taiwan

BjB . o O (he must not be familiar with the project)

NancyJK: The only regionals out of the US I think are in Israel and Canada

PatriciaCh: FRC - no....LEGO League - yes

PatriciaCh: Korea came last year to Championship

PatriciaCh: I keep calling it Nationals..which is not pc now

NancyJK: Who knows what countries might come this year to Atlanta, I have not checked out the list of teams yet.

PatriciaCh: yes...FRC have grown

NancyJK: Not to be rude, but is there anything we can accomplish tonight?

NancyJK: It doesn't help that my computer is located in an area that absorbs heat from the rest of the house; really no heat where I am so I am anxious.....but I did just get a sweater on!

BjB: I think if you have other stuff to do, you might want to do that, Pat

BjB . o O (you stuck it out for an hour!)

NancyJK: Is there anything we can do for Nehalita?

PatriciaCh: yes Neha...how is it going

PatriciaCh: well..Nancy:

NehalitaSt: I am so sorry, my parents had me doing something for them

NancyJK: Sorry Pat can't help with the testing...unless you want to move to NH where we don't have to do all that stuff.....yet

NehalitaSt: What did I miss?

PatriciaCh: I can stay and wait... and the rest of you guys...can go back to whatever...

PatriciaCh: it is a thought....I hate testing

PatriciaCh: Neha..nothing much

NancyJK: I can't remember, how many show up in the second hour? I believe some people did last time

PatriciaCh: yes....I am writing solutions for my lower learners....fool proof it for them

PatriciaCh: so it is no big deal...I am working at the same time

NancyJK: a summary>>> phones, internet, Atlanta (notice I am not going to say Nationals or ..) and testing I believe is what we have covered

PatriciaCh: ok

NancyJK: I am not that capable....

NehalitaSt: okay, is there anything I can do?

PatriciaCh: are you going to Orlando?

NehalitaSt: yes I am

NancyJK: Any idea what still needs to be done for the RCU newsletter?

PatriciaCh: great...Melissa is going to work with our girls on the RCU stuff....will keep you posted as well

ArefinB joined the room.

PatriciaCh: hello

ArefinB: Hey Ms. Lee

ArefinB: how are you?

ArefinB: long time no talk

PatriciaCh: not building tonight?

PatriciaCh: fine....just going crazy with the FCAT

NancyJK: Pat, I will try to get something out to you in the mail on Friday....if I don't make it that day then it will be the middle of next week.

ArefinB: Robot's done ms. lee

NancyJK: Not sure I am going to tell the hard workers at my house tonight that your robot is done.

PatriciaCh: Thanks Nancy..I am a visual...I need to see a sample

PatriciaCh: our robot is not done.....

PatriciaCh: not until the last minute before ship time

NancyJK: Ours is in pieces and overweight!

PatriciaCh: ugh!!!!

PatriciaCh: diet time...a can of SPAM will cause it to lose weight

NancyJK: It is so hard to put the pencil drawings into metal

PatriciaCh: time to shave off the weight...lightening holes...my specialty

NancyJK: We have a college mentor for almost every high school students but no mentors with a lot of mechanical experience (not to take away from the excellent help we are getting from the college ones....they are holding the team together.)

ArefinB: omg... the lexan all around the robot and the lexan basket is so pretty with a lot of holes

NehalitaSt: I think we should call it the swiss cheese wagon

ArefinB: why not the cheesebox?

NancyJK: Our holes need to go into.....ummm must be metal because that and wires is all that I see.

PatriciaCh: we had a robot like that one year...LEXY is the name

NancyJK: Cute!

PatriciaCh: my very first robotic experience

PatriciaCh: oh Arefin...we had pasta dinners

PatriciaCh: then that is

ArefinB: PASTA!

ArefinB: I am down

ArefinB: Ms. Lee you should bring some for me this Saturday

ArefinB: at the swamp scrimmage

PatriciaCh: I am not going

NancyJK: Our kids get dinner on the way here or whatever the Kelso house has available, which can be pretty skimpy sometimes.

NancyJK: no time to shop for food during build season.

PatriciaCh: that is the way for our team now...it is way too big to cook for

PatriciaCh: one team...the moms provide pot luck dinners

NancyJK: we are probably too small....about 21 students between the FRC and the FVC

PatriciaCh: we are well big...over 51 kids

NancyJK: I can't imagine a team that big and dealing with them. How do you keep them busy?

PatriciaCh: for a small team...it is doable...salads and pastas are a big hit

PatriciaCh: that is the problem

ArefinB: Ms. Lee, are you coming to the swamp scrimmage on Saturday?

PatriciaCh: no..I have PIT duty

NancyJK: Have your kids read the rule????? We can't get ours to do something simple like that!

PatriciaCh: I have to deal with the lunch order

PatriciaCh: READ....are you kidding? But seriously....we give a test...so they have to read and pass....

PatriciaCh: if you don't....not travel privileges

NancyJK: If we did that right now, I bet we would be able to save some money...no one would pass.

PatriciaCh: ah....I can write a test for you

PatriciaCh: something else to do beside math :}

ArefinB: Is S.P.A.M. coming at all

ArefinB: ?

NancyJK: This is the first year that I can remember where the kids just will not read the rules. They want to use the equipment but have no idea what the robot should do....the mentors are holding the fort down there.

PatriciaCh: I have no idea....the bot is not functioning

ArefinB: Got Arefin? ...

ArefinB: need help?

PatriciaCh: Well...seriously...Nancy....I can write the test for you....

NancyJK: I bet my husband could to but I think he is afraid of what he would find out.
Thank you though.

PatriciaCh: I am not in the PIT ...I am not sure what the problems are...they are wiring...writing the program.... the bot is pretty much together.

NehalitaSt: yea we had a few wiring/programming problems before

NancyJK: Anything I can help out with?

PatriciaCh: One of the reasons that we do test the kids....so they know what to do on the field

NehalitaSt: so you actually test every kid?

PatriciaCh: oh..I am staying out of that this year....the animation is awesome... and I help with the awards

PatriciaCh: yes...we test every kidso the word is ...we are serious about reading the rules

NancyJK: I am off for a couple of minutes to put my skills to work. Be back in a bit

PatriciaCh: we are allow two to three tries

PatriciaCh: or attempts

TiffanyLe joined the room.

PatriciaCh: hello

NehalitaSt: that's great! you do that every year?

TiffanyLe: hi

TiffanyLe: sorry I'm late

PatriciaCh: yes....in the past I wrote the rule and robot tests

ArefinB: hey tiffy tiff

TiffanyLe: hi arefin

NehalitaSt: hi tiffany

PatriciaCh: I am also the miracle worker to help them pass

TiffanyLe: hi mommy, hi neha, hi ms. kelso

ArefinB: Hey Ms. Lee,

ArefinB: I have a question for you.

PatriciaCh: anyway....I was contacted by 3 teachers that are attending...I guess Valentine Day got in the way

PatriciaCh: yes dear

ArefinB: You guys always do that Rule Quiz on the team every year. Would it be possible for you guys to share it with my team, so I can show them that it is important to read the rules.

TiffanyLe: the good old rule, robot tests fun stuff

PatriciaCh: I do not know who is doing the quiz this year...my guess is Warren....it should be posted on the site soon....but if you want...I can write a 20 questions quiz for you....it is easy.

ArefinB: I would really appreciate it.

ArefinB: I LOVE YOU MS. LEE! =)

PatriciaCh: yes....you need to let the kids know that the rules are important...

ArefinB: most of them are lazy

ArefinB: I can only do so much, its time for me to embarrass them so they will learn

PatriciaCh: yes...I would put that on my agenda....in fact...I am giving the District Benchmark test this Friday...a BORING DAY!

ArefinB: Sounds like a lot of fun.

NehalitaSt: looks like you loooooove the FCAT

PatriciaCh: I can only grade so much

PatriciaCh: oh yes....we are leaving so many kids behind.....some of my kids are not like you people...some do not know that there are 24 hours in a day

PatriciaCh: they cannot remember what they learn yesterday

NehalitaSt: FCAT and state testing was our favorite topic in 9th grade. our teacher would get so heated about the subject that she would forget to teach us the lesson.

PatriciaCh: UGH!!!!

ArefinB: I hate FCAT

NehalitaSt: my parents are back, I have to go

PatriciaCh: oh I don't....I don't let them derail me on my mission

NehalitaSt: sorry I couldn't stay for long

PatriciaCh: bye Neha

TiffanyLe: bye

NehalitaSt: bye ms. chen, tiff, ms. kelso,

PatriciaCh: it is good to talk to you

ArefinB: lata neha

NehalitaSt: I'll try to make it next meeting

NehalitaSt: later bari

ArefinB: Mr. Bari.

NehalitaSt: yes sir

NehalitaSt left the room (signed off).

PatriciaCh: well ..when did we get so formal?????

BjB: an FYI for anyone here who has student members of Tapped In...

BjB: there are folders in the Hip Hop Studio in the Student Activity Reception room...

BjB: where kids can post poetry, music faves, movies, etc

PatriciaCh: ah....

PatriciaCh: what do you think of myspace.com

BjB: the folders were created to give the students from the hurricane damaged areas...

ArefinB: very cool

ArefinB: myspace is a waste of time

BjB: a place to post normal stuff...without the dangers of myspace

ArefinB: I haven't changed my profile on there for at least 3 months now

PatriciaCh: we should let the members know

PatriciaCh: it is scary....I went to check it out

PatriciaCh: too much personal infor....asking for trouble

ArefinB: hahah

BjB: kids don't realize the dangers

PatriciaCh: no they don't.....and I thought it was just my middle schoolers...but even young adults

BjB nods. They feel invincible as normal teens...and even more so online

PatriciaCh: that is the problem....the unknown...and they do not understand that

ElijahL joined the room.

PatriciaCh: hello

BjB nods. ahhh...here's Elijah!

BjB: Elijah is our student rep who is taking care of the discussion folders in the hip hop room

ElijahL waves hello

BjB: I was just telling the group about the chat topics, Elijah

ElijahL: Oh

BjB . o O (and how safe it is in Tapped In for Teens)

BjB . o O (vs myspace)

PatriciaCh: or any of the teen sites

ElijahL: Yes, VERY

BjB: because Elijah demonstrated such mature behavior when he was logged in, his teacher allowed him to get a regular Tapped In membership

BjB . o O (only allowed for very responsible young people)

PatriciaCh: Terrific!

BjB: if you have any students like Elijah that you'd like to recommend for reg membership, let me know, Pat

PatriciaCh: I will

BjB: there is a teens for TI group here in the SAC

TiffanyLe: bye everyone have a nice week.

TiffanyLe left the room (signed off).

BjB: and we'd love to see students giving tours to other students

PatriciaCh: I have to explore more

PatriciaCh: Arefin...how is college coming along?

PatriciaCh: Elijah...what grade are you in?

ElijahL: 8th

PatriciaCh: Are you in Tennessee or Kentucky?

ElijahL: I live in Tennessee

PatriciaCh: ah! I remember now...we chatted last month..right?

ElijahL: yes, about the lego contest

PatriciaCh: yes...did you get a chance to talk to any teachers?

NancyJK: I am back! I see I missed Tiffany and saying goodbye to a couple of known visitors

ElijahL: She said she thought that she had heard of it but it had something like a fifty dollar entry fee.

NancyJK: Have your teacher check out science grants that are willing to pay the fee.

PatriciaCh: yes it does have an entry fee....do you have a PTA in your school?

ElijahL: We just finished ExporaVision a few weeks ago.

NancyJK: For the kit also, which is more like 250 or 500 I think, right PAT?

ElijahL: I don't think the middle school does.

PatriciaCh: yes....and there is a new kit coming out in AUG...really cool....more metal

NancyJK: Just what we need something new to learn!

PatriciaCh: well in our middle school we do...so ask...usually they want to sponsor kids

PatriciaCh: the programming is supposed to be the same

NancyJK: Without more teacher/school support I think our team will meet its demise within the next couple of years if not sooner.

ArefinB: I will be back in a few, I need to study for the exam tomorrow

NancyJK: Good idea Pat to mention the PTA or PTO. Maybe some other types of funding also.

PatriciaCh: we are experiencing a similar crisis...teacher support....some of us are heading for retirement

PatriciaCh: Elijah....when you go to high school...the robotic programs are different...

NancyJK: I was just going to ask if we could answer any questions for Arefin, but I am too slow

PatriciaCh: go to usfirst.org to check it out

ElijahL: ok

PatriciaCh: arefin is a mentor for 108

NancyJK: You will see all three levels of FIRST there.

PatriciaCh: and I think another team....he asked me to write a rules test for him

NancyJK: Nice! I like the college students getting involved. Means they have to juggle time but nice to see them go back and help out.

ArefinB: Actually Mrs. Lee, I am mentoring 1345, I will be going in to help 108 this weekend.

ArefinB: I was a student on 108.

PatriciaCh: I stand corrected

ArefinB: lol

PatriciaCh: Tiffany is mentoring 1369 over at Tampa....we have a student mentor from 181

ArefinB: cool

NancyJK: GREAT!

ArefinB: Mrs. Lee... 108 is behind again

PatriciaCh: it is really a good idea to go outside of your high school team

ArefinB: they called me today.

NancyJK: Wish we could find some adults in their 30s or 40s with as much enthusiasm

PatriciaCh: ah he is a freshman

PatriciaCh: our adults in 30s or 40s have family commitment issues as well

NancyJK: Right but they are about at the right point to start giving to their school!

PatriciaCh: my son Michael is on the Boston Regional Planning committee

ElijahL: is it the first robotics, legos, or vex. Are they the different age groups or completely different comps.

PatriciaCh: yes...some wives understand and some don't...we try to spread it out

NancyJK: No money for us to go there. We will just barely make it to the Granite State BAE regional and we live here so no hotel rooms to pay for or transportation

PatriciaCh: Elijah...it is for different age group...Lego is for 5-8 graders...VEX and FIRST is for high schoolers

ElijahL: Oh....

PatriciaCh: funding is a little better for us...but it is still tight...too many kids

ElijahL: ill be back in a minute

PatriciaCh: So the games are different for each age group as well as every year

NancyJK: I guess, you have a lot of students

ElijahL left the room.

PatriciaCh: too many...we have about 65

PatriciaCh: only 50 can travel

PatriciaCh: they have to do something about that....size reduction

NancyJK: Well, I am going to leave and start doing my homework and help the team out if I can. I still can't imagine 50 on a field trip....YOWEE!

PatriciaCh: yes..nightmare

NancyJK: I have a hard time managing the 20-25 that we usually have.

PatriciaCh: I finish my solutions prep..now I am grading papers...talk to you the next time

PatriciaCh: 25 is a blessing

PatriciaCh: we have over that on any given night

NancyJK: I don't know how you do it.

PatriciaCh: 25 is still hard...

PatriciaCh: well that is why I am thinking of alternatives...will send that to you in an email

NancyJK: Well, bye to Jeff and BJB, Pat and Arefin if he is here. Take care and good luck with the robots! See you on the big screen!

PatriciaCh: yes....good luck with yours...if you want to freak the kids out with the rules test ..let me know...I making one for Arefin...I can sent it to you too

ElijahL joined the room.

JeffC: gnite nancy

NancyJK: Thanks I will ask the boss!

NancyJK: Night

PatriciaCh: hey ...shake them up a little

PatriciaCh: good night

BJB waves goodnight

NancyJK left the room (signed off).

BJB: about time for me to also hit the road.

BJB: Thanks, Pat

ElijahL: I better go too!

ElijahL: gnite

PatriciaCh: same here....I have to go to school early to install my printer

BJB waves goodnight

PatriciaCh: good night

ElijahL waves bye

BJB left the room (signed off).