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JeffC: Hi all... welcome to the Science Resources Group meeting. Today's agenda is to go over the resources here... and then talk about the Festival on July 20th. Let's start with some brief introductions.

BJB2: only 155 members to draw from for this group, Jeff

BJB2 waves hi. I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania

JeffC: I'm Jeff Cooper, and although I'm not a science teacher... I facilitate this group. I'm an unemployed education technology specialist in Oregon (although I should be getting a job interview in the next few days!).

HollyH: I'm a first grade teacher in Texas with Special ed experience.

DavidWe: I'm David Weksler. I live in New Jersey, near New York City. I help math and science teachers learn more about all this technology "stuff". I majored in chemistry in college, but I have been to Oregon

KevinMac: I'm a 6th grade science teacher in West Virginia

SusanR: teacher in Ottawa, Ontario

MarcelleF: HI I'm Marcelle Farley. I teach 5th grademath & science..in Miami, FL

SusanR: and facilitator of the k to 3 Great Resources Sessions here at TI

JeffC: OK... the purpose of the meeting today is to go over the resources in this room, to familiarize members, and prepare for the Tapped In Festival on July 20th. This room is one of the Featured Group Rooms. Members may peruse it, then report back to the Tapped In Groups Lobby, and get one hour credit towards their Certificate of Participation.

JeffC: OK... if everyone could take a minute or two to look at the top frame... the Welcome note.

JeffC: At the end of the Welcome note is a link to the Profile for this group room (the link next to the "i" in the green circle). If you are not a member of this group, and would like to be (I hope you do), click that link, then click the link to "Join this Group".

JeffC: If you have any questions or comments, feel free to type them in.

HollyH: What will you need from us on July 20?

JeffC: I'm hoping that you can spend an hour in this room... show people around (as I will be doing for the next hour).

JeffC: Get people to join the group, and then post back their thoughts to the Group Lobby.

KathyGst15 joined the room.

JeffC: This is one of the Featured room for the Festival. Welcome to Science Resources Kathy.

HollyH: Is there a schedule for that hour?

KathyGst15: It's good to be here

JeffC: Are you a science teacher Kathy? We've already done introductions... but I'd like to hear from you.

KathyGst15: 3rd grade

JeffC: Holly... whatever hour from 7 to 7 Pacific is fine.

HollyH: okay

KathyGst15: i want to put more science in the curriculum

JeffC: This group has over 150 members... so if I can just get a half hour from a tenth of them... let's see... that would just about do it!

JeffC: Cool Kathy

JeffC: I hope you register and come back and join this group. To register... go to <http://www.tappedin.org> ...registration is free... as is membership in this group (and no ads either!).

JeffC: One of the keys to Tapped In is the real time help.

JeffC: Having resources is great... Links, threaded Discussions, Files, Passageways to other rooms, but the most important thing is professional support and collaboration.

JeffC: Having someone in this room during the Festival will be important for new users and guests.

JeffC: So... I'll move on unless there are any questions or comments at this point?

JeffC: . o O (the silence is deafening!)

MarcelleF: Jeff I only join Tapped_In on Sunday so I not sure I an be very helpful

BJB2: . o O (we're listening, Jeff)

KevinMac: all ears

JeffC: Being here would be helpful Marcelle... if after today you're still not sure... I'll be happy to give more of a tour later.

JeffC: Even new users can show people around a bit.

MarcelleF: OK I'm willing

JeffC: Bottom line is that when someone shows up in this room during the Festival, I'd like for there to be someone here to say "Hi! Welcome to the Science Resources Room. Can I show you around a bit?"

JeffC: OK... so... let's scroll down the top frame a bit, and you'll see that there are a number of links... if you have any to add... please feel free! The way to add a link is to click the "Links" link on the left of the top frame.

JeffC: The Featured links include CHETI, Cool Science Links, etc.

JeffC: I also have created a public bookmarks site at <http://www.mybookmarks.com/public/mathscience> ... if you login to <http://www.mybookmarks.com> login: mathscience password: tappedin ... you can add your own links or copy/download the links that are there.

JeffC: This is a key to collaborating... the idea that we can have a public bookmarks site where educators can all add their own links, or use what is there.

JeffC: Questions/comments about that?

JeffC: I strongly recommend that people use some online bookmark site to add their own links... so they're always handy... and not just on their own computer.

JeffC: There is also a link to the archives from past meetings of Science Resources at <http://ti2data.sri.com/transcripts/mst/2004/> (for 2004) and (I'll add one later) for 2005: <http://ti2data.sri.com/transcripts/mst/2005/>

JeffC: People could be pointed there... so they can take in the past meetings at their own time.

JeffC: Also Featured are several of the group Discussions. I would really like more Discussions here... if you click on the Discussion link in the top frame on the left, you may post to the group. Your message will go out to all 150+ members... via email. Everyone reads email... but not everyone logs into this group room. If you post... it's best to put in your email address if you want a response from members.

JeffC: Finally... I have created and Featured Passageways to other group rooms and offices that I think are important for science educators here within Tapped In. If you have a lot of resources in your office or group, please feel free to add a Passageway. To do that... click the Passageway link on the left of the top frame, click the Add a Passageway link, search for the room, and be sure to Feature it and Update Featured Passageways.

KevinMac left the room (signed off).

KevinMac joined the room.

JeffC: If all of the above has you overwhelmed... don't worry... you'll get a transcript of this after logging off... (except for Kathy, who is a guest... Kathy, if you want a transcript, just type in your email address and I'll send you one).

KathyGst15: kathyff@adelphia.net thanks

JeffC: you're welcome

JeffC: The key duties to someone volunteering on Helpdesk here is to just be in the room, and when someone shows up, welcome them... show them around a bit (feel free to use the transcript from this session)... get them to join the group if they're not a member, and/or join Tapped In if they are a guest.

JeffC: If only a fraction of the group members volunteer an hour during the Festival on July 20th... we'll be covered here.

JeffC: After showing people around... there is a link to the Tapped In Groups Lobby... if they go there and comment on this room, they get an hour of credit towards their Certificate of Participation.

BJB2 recommends that everyone go to the groups lobby later and read the information under the featured discussion board

MarcelleF: What can the Certificate of participation be used for?

BJB2: you can submit to your district and see if they will give you CEU's, Marcelle

MarcelleF: Thanks

JeffC: If you are a member, there's a link to the Groups Lobby in your Favorite Places dropdown menu.

BJB2: some tech coordinators are doing workshops and will also offer CEU's to their teachers

BJB2: don't think so, Jeff...but here is a link in every group room to the groups lobby under the graphic in the top left

JeffC: Right

JeffC: the out to TI 3 Lby link

BJB2 nods

JeffC: OK... I have a bit of cleaning up to do in this room between now and the 20th... but not too much.

JeffC: I encourage people here to come back, post to Discussion, add a Link or two, check out the public bookmarks... and if you're new here... take a Tapped In Tips and Tricks Tour to become better acclimated.

JeffC: The link to the Festival webpage is: <http://tappedin.org/tappedin/web/festival/>

JeffC: The link to the Tapped In Interface Guide is:
<http://tappedin.org/tappedin/web/help/ui.jsp>

JeffC: Which is very good for getting new members acclimated to Tapped In.

JeffC: Questions/comments?

KevinMac: What do you suggest as the best way to get other colleagues to Tapped In and the fair who have never been to the site?

JeffC: Great question Kevin!

JeffC: Ask your colleagues what site can they go to with tons of resources, where they can safely bring in their K-12 students, share files, hold threaded discussions, use a whiteboard, and get real time live help... all for free?

JeffC: Then... tell them about Tapped In!

KevinMac: nice hook

JeffC: Well... I try... I've been involved with Tapped In since it started in 1997.

KevinMac: Let's say they make it to the site, then what should they do?

JeffC: There is a separate K-12 campus, where educators can create a group room for their classes, and membership for their students. Students can't interact with educators in this campus, and guests aren't allowed in the student campus. Indeed, in order to even use private messages... you need teacher permission.

JeffC: If they make it here... they should look at the Calendar and plan on making it to a professional development meeting of their interest.

JeffC: They can also set up their own office very quickly by clicking the "Me" tab and the "Create an Office" link.

KevinMac: Great! Thanks!

JeffC: If you're in touch with your colleagues before the 20th... be sure to tell them about the Festival.

JeffC: That's the annual event that has the greatest one day attendance here every year.

JeffC: The key to Tapped In is professional collaboration... and that's the theme of this year's Festival "Creating Connections Through Collaboration."

JeffC: Ask your peers if they want to collaborate with other professionals around the world.

JeffC: If you become even slightly comfortable here... you will be fine sitting on Helpdesk in this room during the Festival.

JeffC: I really would like to see this room occupied for the full twelve hours.

JeffC: You don't have to commit now... but think about it. I will be putting out a call for volunteers later.

KevinMac: ok

JeffC: There are pre-festival tips and tricks tours scattered between now and the 20th as well... I suggest you all attend one if you are at all uncomfortable with the interface.

JeffC: Kathy... have you seen enough to consider registering? Or do you have questions or need more information?

KathyGst15: yes, thanks - I think I'll reg today

JeffC: <http://www.tappedin.org> to register

KathyGst15: thanks!

JeffC: OK... that pretty much wraps up my whirlwind "How to be a Science Resources Room Helpdesk Volunteer" tour. I think I've given you some things to think about... and hopefully you will all come back... bring your friends... add links, etc.... volunteer at the Festival...

KathyGst15: ok

JeffC: Again... after people have visited the room, if they go to the Groups Lobby, they can fill out a form and get credit for the Festival. That is important if you volunteer on Helpdesk here.

KevinMac: If we are going to volunteer, do we report to this room or at the helpdesk in the lobby?

JeffC: If they click the "out to TI 3 Lby" link in the upper right of the top frame... they'll be taken there.

JeffC: Good question Kevin. I think just showing up in this room would be fine.

MarcelleF: Jeff.. I'll spend some time exploring and I'll let you know what time is good for me.

JeffC: I'll try and get a sign up sheet posted (thinking how to do that)...

JeffC: Thanks Marcelle

MarcelleF left the room (signed off).

JeffC: I'll be online pretty much all day... most of it in my office... but I'll see when people are here.

JeffC: So I'll be here to support you as well.

JeffC: Thanks everyone for coming... I appreciate it.

KathyGst15: I enjoyed the visit

KevinMac: Thanks Jeff. I am really impressed with the Featured Items alone.

JeffC: Thanks

SusanR: Thanks Jeff..and now to get my group room in order

JeffC: Go for it Susan!