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LynneW: I want to welcome everyone to Web 2.0 Tools for Schools monthly session.

LynneW: I am an assistant professor of ed tech at Concordia University in Portland OR and the facilitator for this group.

ChrisHa: I am a Grade * math teacher from Winnipeg Manitoba Canada

GwenC: I'm an EFL teacher/tutor originally from Upstate NY and now living in SP state Brazil

HeatherBu: I'm a middle school Tech teacher in Texas

JosephWi: I teach 6th grade math and reading in Glendale, Arizona

LindaWat: I am a teacher facilitator for St. Charles parish

LynneW: Linda, where is St. Charles Parish?

Sheryln: I am an instructor at the College of William and Mary.. instructional tech and an educational consultant

LindaWat: Sorry, It is in Louisiana

ChrisHa: For the sake of the transcript you can see what I do with my students at sargentparkmathzone.blogspot.com

LynneW: Thank you Chris.

BJB2 teaches remedial communication in Pennsylvania and is on Tapped In helpdesk

LynneW: Anyone else need to get their self introduction in?

LynneW: I am extremely pleased to have Sheryl with us today as our guest speaker.

LynneW: She is going to share information about a coming soon k-12 online conference.

LynneW: Sheryl, welcome.

Sheryln: thanks Lynne!

Sheryln: I am excited to be here

Sheryln: Shall I begin?

BJB2 applauds

LynneW nods

Sheryln: Well I can't tell you how excited I was when Lynne asked me to come tonight

Sheryln: I am sorry if you were here last time when I didn't come.. we had an emergency

Sheryln: I am very grateful I could come tonight and share about the conference

LynneW: We totally understand about emergencies.

Sheryln: Have any of you heard about the K12 Online conference?

LindaWat: NO

Sheryln: Have you been reading the blogs or seen it on lists?

JosephWi: I watched David's Keynote over the last couple days, and read some of the blogs regularly.

EmilyW: I have heard of it

Sheryln: thanks.. Linda...

HeatherBu has been reading about it

Sheryln: wonderful... well it is a very cool idea that has truly taken off

Sheryln: One day...

Sheryln: Will Richardson, Darren Kuropatwa and I were talking about Higher Ed Blog Con and how we needed something similar for K-12 and we said.. hmm why don't we do it!

Sheryln: did any of you go to the Higher Ed Blog Con?

LynneW: Yes, I did.

Sheryln: It was incredible no?

LynneW: Excellent!

Sheryln: Basically it was an online conference geared for higher ed

Sheryln: But the presentations were around Web 2.0

Sheryln: and 21st Century concepts

Sheryln: What we noticed was that K12 seemed to have lots of folks involved in the blogosphere

Sheryln: and we thought having something similar to what they did would allow many teachers to share the cool things they are doing

Sheryln: There were a lot of Skype calls to plan

Sheryln: we set up a wiki

Sheryln: Most of the planning was Will, Darren and I... then Will needed to back off some because of his schedule and we invited Wesley Fryer to help.

Sheryln: We put a call for proposals out... and the response was incredible.

Sheryln: We had almost 70 different proposals submitted for K12 Online 2006; 36 were selected for the conference. The Keynote presenters had been solicited before K12 Online was announced on September 1. We wanted to ensure that every proposal would have a fair chance of being selected for the conference. This is how we did it …

Sheryln: Each convener found 3 or 4 volunteers to act as peer reviewers in their strand. When the close date for submissions arrived, midnight of September 30, each convener sent the peer review committees a summary of the proposals that had been submitted.

Sheryln: Each convener organized this a little differently. In some cases the committees knew the other reviewers for their strand, in other cases they didn't. The peer reviewers, based on the titles and abstracts submitted, chose the best 9 proposals in their strand. In most cases this was a very difficult thing to do. My committee was asked to pair down their choices three times and finally a fourth person was called in to make a tie breaking decision.

Sheryln: The abstracts that were submitted were from all over the world...

LynneW: What are the various strands Sheryl?

Sheryln: It was such a bigger response than we had expected.

Sheryln: We have four Strands being presented over two weeks

Sheryln: The "K12 Online Conference" is for teachers, administrators and educators around the world interested in the use of Web 2.0 tools in classrooms and professional practice! This year's conference is scheduled to be held over two weeks, Oct. 23-27 and Oct. 30- Nov. 3 and will include a preconference keynote. The conference theme is "Unleashing the Potential."

Sheryln: Week One...

Sheryln: The strands are A week in the Classroom

Sheryln: and Basic /Advanced

Sheryln: Each week there is a keynote

Sheryln: and then followed by 9 presentations

Sheryln: So 10 new presentations for each strand each week

Sheryln: We set up a blog

Sheryln: The second week...

Sheryln: the strands are professional development

Sheryln: and overcoming obstacles

Sheryln: again.. 10 presentations each week

ChrisHa: A comment I left with Darren is that the k12 is a conference that will last as long as we want it to last. People will be able to wiki and blog about it until the next conference rolls along next year....if you have caught up on your sleep by then.

Sheryln: Yes that is true

Sheryln: David Warlick did our preconference keynote

Sheryln: It kicked off on Monday

Sheryln: David.. sorry

Sheryln: It was awesome

Sheryln: PRE-CONFERENCE KEYNOTE

Sheryln: Derailing Education: Taking Sidetrips for Learning

Sheryln: October 16th, 2006

Sheryln: David Warlick

Sheryln: Raleigh, North Carolina, USA

Sheryln: You can see the keynote and link to the presentation from the blog

Sheryln: I am going to project the blog now

JosephWi: The older ladies that stopped to ask him questions in the forest really cracked me up.

Sheryln: Let's take about 3-5 minutes to explore...

ChrisHa: ah the uninteded metaphors

Sheryln projects http://k12onlineconference.org/

Sheryln: The agenda shows what presentations are coming up

Sheryln projects http://k12onlineconference.org/docs/k12online06-agenda.html

GwenC: Wow you're getting good at that!

Sheryln: please click on that link if it didn't open and take a look

Sheryln: There are some incredible presentations...

HeatherBu . o O (hold down the Ctrl key when you click, if you have a pop up blocker)

Sheryln: The creativity is what has been so mind blowing

Sheryln: I have seen each of the presentation as I have uploaded to the server

LynneW: There are so many contributors. What fun this will be!

Sheryln: And you all are in for such a treat

Sheryln: There is also the opportunity for Graduate Credit

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Sheryln: Plymouth State University in New Hampshire
(http://www.plymouth.edu/graduate) in partnership with the Shanghai American School is offering three graduate credits for K12 Conference Online participants. See below for course syllabus.

Sheryln: The cost will be $182 per credit plus the $25 reg fee for a total cost of $571 for three graduate credits.

Sheryln: Jeff Utecht, author of the Thinking Stick blog and Shanghai American School tech teacher, and Alan Knobloch, Shanghai American School principal will manage the course. To register or if people have questions, they should contact Alan directly.
alan.knobloch@saschina.org

HeatherBu: Sheryl, do we just show up at the k12onlinconference.org site to participate?

Sheryln: And then there are various live events we are holding...

Sheryln: Yes Heather..

ChrisHa: On Monday when the sessions open how do we get going. for example If I want to do Vikki Davis's wiki course

Sheryln: You will see her post on the blog

Sheryln: It will be similar to the format David's is in

Sheryln: her name

Sheryln: location

Sheryln: her post

Sheryln: and then links to her session

ChrisHa: thanks 7:00 central. I'll be there

Sheryln: The cool thing is most presenters have a wiki or other live doc to go with the screencasts and podcasts

Sheryln: For example...

Sheryln projects http://davidwarlick.com/wiki/pmwiki.php?n=Main.K12online2006

Sheryln: Viki's will take place over a week... once she shows on the blog..she is taking folks to her wiki and collaborating for a week

Sheryln: One of the live events we have scheduled

Sheryln: are the Fireside chats

Sheryln: We are doing those in Elluminate

Sheryln: Join the conference organizers and the keynote speakers in a free wheeling open-ended chats in Elluminate. This is open to anyone interested in participating. A link to the chat will be published on the blog well before the time we'll get together. Ask the keynotes about their presentation, share your thoughts and ideas about the other presentations seen that week. This is an opportunity for all presenters and participants to get together and discuss anything on your mind. This is also an opportunity to provide some feedback to the presenters and organizers about the conference; kudos, constructive criticism and suggestions for next year are all equally welcomed.

Sheryln: All you need is a computer with a microphone and speakers, a head-set works best. Then on Oct. 26, 2006 at 7pm EDT, after you have watched almost all the Week One presentations and keynotes (which will post on the conference blog throughout the week) simply click on the link we will provide and the Elluminate software will load and then drop you into the virtual meeting room.

Sheryln: The one we had with David Warlick is not archived on the blog

Sheryln: You can watch it and feel like you are right there

JosephWi: You might be getting to this, but is the number of seats in the Elluminate chats going to be increased? and is there a transcript or podcast of those for people that miss them?

Sheryln: There is an archive posted

Sheryln: it plays just like it happened

Sheryln: There are 50 seats

Sheryln: first come first serve

Sheryln: Someone will be in the room an hour early to help you check your mic and give a quick overview of the very intuitive tools used in the Elluminate environment.

Sheryln: We are also doing the coolest culminating event

Sheryln: Tapped In will be a part of it

Sheryln: We are calling it When Night Falls

Sheryln: Our culminating event, When Night Falls is a 24 hour continuous K-12 Online Skypecast! Check out our wiki where you can sign up to participate and find out more. You will also need to sign-up for a free Tapped In account prior to this event.

Sheryln: The K12 Online 2006 closing event will begin on November 4, 12:00 am GMT. It will be a 24 hour long worldwide skypecast-vyew desktop sharing-networking-chat experience. As night falls across the planet, educators across the globe will come online to connect and reflect about their experiences at K12 Online 2006.

LynneW: Where did all of these great ideas come from? I'm so impressed and excited to participate.

Sheryln: Folks from all over in every timezone are signing up to moderate for an hour

Sheryln: It was basically us just brainstorming...

Sheryln: I think Global Day influenced are thinking

Sheryln: too

Sheryln: If you would like to be part of when Night Falls

Sheryln: We have set up a planning wiki

Sheryln projects http://k12online.wikispaces.com/

Sheryln: Lynne.. the real buzz for me came when I looked at Hitchhikr and Technorati

Sheryln: The number of folks talking about this conference is wild and it hasn't even kicked off yet

ChrisHa: Not that you have done enough but it would be a great idea to include students voices in this next year. Have them create a strand to help other students create 2.0 material. Just a random thought.

Sheryln: Awesome idea

Sheryln: that is part of what the Night Falls is all about

Sheryln: getting everyone's feedback for next year

Sheryln: Look at this...

Sheryln projects http://www.hitchhikr.com/index.php?conf_id=113

Sheryln: Those are just today.

Sheryln: when you are on the conference blog... and scroll to the bottom and look at the world map

Sheryln: You can see that since 9/15

Sheryln: we have gotten 11,000 hits from around the world

Sheryln: That is educators like us.. interested in these issues

Sheryln: everyone with something to add to the conversation

Sheryln: There is conference wiki just for participants

Sheryln: to build and add resources and add other presentations or materials they have to share

LynneW: How much work has this been putting the structure in place for the conference?

Sheryln: I guess you can tell.. I am just blown away by how cool this simple idea has become

Sheryln: And how so many talented people from around the globe are making it happen

LynneW: Who is paying for the Elluminate seats? They don't come cheap! I love that tool.

Sheryln: Well it has all been volunteer

Sheryln: and there is no funding

Sheryln: We choose not to take any vendors

Sheryln: or any $

Sheryln: We did let Elluminate donate the 50 seat room

ChrisHa: part of the genius of this conference is to keep the conversation going. Is there going to be follow up after the conference? Eluminate sessions, skypecasts to keep mew networks that have been created.

Sheryln: and We did let W&M donate survey space as long as there were no strings attached

Sheryln: Elluminate will end on Nov. 4

Sheryln: They just gave us the room use for the conference

Sheryln: But the archives will be available for years

LynneW: Will the Tapped In room become a special interest group with regular session to support Chris' and others new networks?

Sheryln: All presentations are being uploaded in one place to ensure availability for a long time

Sheryln: hmmm

HeatherBu . o O (great idea, Lynne)

Sheryln: that is a terrific idea

LynneW blushes

Sheryln: we have a tapped In room and we are just beginning to think about how to utilize it.. but I definitely feel that will come to be..

Sheryln: we are hoping that participants will take the initiative and ownership

Sheryln: to add to the conversation and share

Sheryln: What other questions do you have?

Sheryln: I hope I have made sense

ChrisHa: Have you slept much lately

Sheryln: hahahaha

Sheryln: No!

LynneW: Sheryl, you have done a wonderful job sharing this information.

Sheryln: Trying to fit this in with all the regular stuff has been wild

Sheryln: thanks Lynne

LynneW: Does anyone have a technical question about Elluminate, or any of the other technologies that are being offered?

Sheryln: We hope you will all be a part of this join project

Sheryln: This is your conference

Sheryln: We want all educators to feel they have a place in this discussion

JosephWi: I can't imagine how much time you all have put into this. The great thing about it is that everyone that started it is so knowledgeable and leaders in the different fields they are presenting.

Sheryln: There are so many voices out there that have something to say

GwenC: I'm dumbfounded by the scope of the seminars. there's something for everyone. Very impressive

HeatherBu: I feel like a kid in a candy shop!

GwenC: Exactly Heather

Sheryln: thanks... that's what we aimed for

ChrisHa: This conference will be the highlight of my teaching career so far. Thanks for all your hard work. This is energizing me. A conference that never ends. wow

LynneW: Sheryl, the openness you are presenting us with is certainly a reflection of Web 2.0 culture.

Sheryln: I tell you what surprised us the most

Sheryln: The CREATIVITY

Sheryln: everyone has been so creative

Sheryln: You laugh.. cry... and can't pull yourself away

Sheryln: I am in awe of the presenters and keynotes

Sheryln: Thanks Lynne I agree

Sheryln: I really do feel that this style of professional development is the wave of the future

LynneW: Just to be clear, there is no fee for this conference - correct?

Sheryln: I feel that teachers will choose what they need to learn and turn to each other to get it

Sheryln: nope totally free

Sheryln: share share share

LynneW: YES!

Sheryln: no vendors

Sheryln: no email lists

ChrisHa: It is like a shampoo commercial and they told 2 friends and so on and so on..........

Sheryln: just caring people who want to get the word out about Web 2.0 and how it can help redefine education and teaching

Sheryln: truly Chris

LynneW: (Information) Power to the people!

Sheryln: And please use Tapped In room and the wiki to share and add your resources that you think apply

Sheryln: No one has the corner on this topic

Sheryln: we all have something to share

LynneW: And encourage your colleagues to participate in the conference.

Sheryln: Any other questions...thoughts.. ideas.. and yes.. spread the word

JosephWi: There is a flyer up on my schools teacher workroom door already

Sheryln: very cool

Sheryln: I heard Jeff Utecht

Sheryln: in China is having a Lan party for his teachers on Monday

Sheryln: they are all coming over to his house with their laptops

Sheryln: and they are going to watch the presentations together and blog about them

Sheryln: He has created a Moodle course to go along with the strands

Sheryln: and that is part of how you get graduate credit

Sheryln: How cool is that?

ChrisHa: Uber cool It is amazing that up until a year ago most of this was foreign to me. Now it is a key component to my teaching. Imagine when the masses start to appreciate it. Then the change will begin...

HeatherBu: What fun!

Sheryln: and it isn't too late to come up with a cool idea of your own.. that can extend this conversation..

Sheryln: If you think of something we should do or offer that you want to head... let us know

LindaWat: Thank you for sharing.

Sheryln: Yes ... it is a quick journey...

Sheryln: Thank you for having me

JosephWi: promotional flyer: http://k12onlineconference.org/?p=14

LynneW: Sheryl thank you for being our guest speaker.

Sheryln: I enjoyed it

LynneW applauds

ChrisHa: thank you

HeatherBu: Thank you, Sheryl!

HeatherBu . o O (and Lynne   )

Sheryln: I blog over at http://21stcenturylearning.typepad.com/blog/

Sheryln: Stop by sometime

LynneW: If there are no other questions or discussion with Sheryl, this will conclude our session.

Sheryln: and give me a shout out

Sheryln: Thanks everyone

LynneW: If you are not already a member of Web 2.0 Tools for Schools group, please join us.

Sheryln: this has been great!

BJB2: Thanks, Lynne and Sheryl

LynneW: That way you will receive my reminders about the monthly sessions.

Sheryln: I will join today Lynne

LynneW: I am looking for another guest speaker for next month.

Sheryln: Have people come share about the sessions they attended...

Sheryln: smile

LynneW: I look forward to seeing your presence at the k-12 online conference.

JosephWi: Lynne, here is the link to the Google Earth Tour I was working on before the session - http://www.schoollunchproject.com/earth/

Sheryln: Night everyone...

LynneW: Thank you for sharing this Joseph.

LynneW: Good night!

Sheryln: If there are no more ?s I need to pack.. flying to Seattle in the morning

ChrisHa: safe trip

LynneW: No more. I'm traveling myself in the morning. Travel safely.

BJB2: have a safe trip

HeatherBu: Thanks for taking the time, Sheryl.

Sheryln: thanks...

Sheryln: bye

JosephWi: Thanks.