

Title of Session: A K-12 Teacher's Wiki

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Room: A K-12 Teacher Wiki Group

DavidWe joined the room.

DavidWe waves

DavidWe: Hi, Michael

MichaelM: Hi David.

SusanEM joined the room.

MichaelM: Welcome Susan

SusanEM: I am very new to wikis - I'll listen and learn

MichaelM: Great !!

MichaelM: Small group tonight, did not send a reminder

MichaelM: been busy, please forgive

MichaelM: Are we ready

BJB2: a reminder to go the actions menu in the top right of the chat window...

BJB2: and click on detach

BJB2: that will make it easier to follow the chat

SusanEM: done

BJB2: may we start with introductions, Michael?

MichaelM: Sure

SusanEM: ready

BJB2: I'm a remedial communications teacher in Pennsylvania

SusanEM: I am an Instructional Technology Resource Teacher in Virginia

MichaelM: My name is Michael Misovec. I'm the founder of helpingstudents.org and "A K12 Teacher Wiki"

MichaelM: Welcome to "A K12 Teacher Wiki" discussion.

MichaelM: Wiki is a Hawaiian term meaning "fast" or "quick"

MichaelM: The first such software to be called a wiki, WikiWikiWeb, was named by Ward Cunningham

MichaelM: "A K12 Teacher Wiki" is for teachers and librarians.

MichaelM: Since each State manages public education, "A K12 Teacher Wiki" is geographically organized by state.

MichaelM: Teachers can protect their wiki and select which members or groups may view, edit, upload files, etc...

MichaelM: I will provide some examples later

MichaelM: For example, a teacher may add create a class syllabus for parents or student access.

MichaelM: Its is extremely simple to start using "A K12 Teacher Wiki"

MichaelM: After receiving a username, simply type the name of your wiki page in brackets.

MaureenB joined the room.

MichaelM: Since many teachers may create wikis for collaboration, users should name pages using a standard.

MichaelM: Welcome Maureen

MichaelM: For example, typing [myschool.history] instantly creates a page called myschool.history

MichaelM: [History | myschool.history] will display the wiki link as history.

MichaelM: History

MichaelM: Some teachers prefer using the WikiWizard which provides an easy user interface.

MichaelM: If there are no questions, we can take a look

SusanEM: sound great

MichaelM: Do you see the Demo link?

SusanEM: helpingstudents.org demo?

MichaelM: <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=Demo>

SusanEM: got it

MichaelM: Please go to <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=Demo>

MichaelM: Once your there, login using Teacher1

MichaelM: The password is pass

MaureenB waves to all

MichaelM: If someone is already using Teacher1 just use Teacher2 etc...

MichaelM: Please let me know if you are able to login. The login located on the top left menu

SusanEM: I'm in

MichaelM: Ok Can you refresh your browser and you will see a message

SusanEM: got it

MichaelM: Can you all see the Edit Page

DavidWe: Can I use the same password, Michael?

MichaelM: 10/4 David

DavidWe smiles

DavidWe: thanks

MichaelM: you're welcome

MichaelM: Once you click Edit Page, look over to the right drop down menu and change plain text to WikiWizard

MichaelM: This provides you an easy user interface

MichaelM: Does everyone see the WikiWizard selection

SusanEM: yes

DavidWe does

MichaelM: Great !!

MichaelM: Try adding some text and click save

DavidWe forgets the visual editor DOES NOT work with Safari

DavidWe: I'll just watch for now...

DavidWe smiles

SusanEM: done

MichaelM: Great job

MichaelM smiles

MichaelM: You can also change the text color and add images very easily using the Wiki Wizard

MichaelM: Try adding a new Wiki page. For example, type [Rockbridge.History] in square brackets

MichaelM: You can also use the WikiWizard menu

MichaelM: You may also use the WikiWizard to add a table very easily

SusanEM: I'm not sure I know how to make a new page

MichaelM: Does anyone have a question about a WikiWizard feature?

SusanEM: I don't see the menu for that

MichaelM: Ok

MichaelM: After clicking Edit Page, just type [New Page Name]

MichaelM: in brackets and save

SusanEM: I did that and have a page I guess I see it at the top of the page

MichaelM: You may have to refresh the browser to see your change

MichaelM: Using WikiWizard, it should be Insert then Link

MichaelM: You got it Susan!

MichaelM: It is red because there is nothing in the page yet

SusanEM: I see it on the blue wikiwizard screen but when I save and go out it says my page doesn't exist

SusanEM: never mind I got it I think

MichaelM: Once you click it you can organize more Wiki pages in Rockbridge.History

SusanEM: added a text and I see it

MichaelM: If you want it to simply read History, then change it to

MichaelM: [History | Rockbridge.History]

MichaelM: That way it will read History and also be your own unique History Wiki

MichaelM: You can also steal anything you have access to

DavidWe: that's "steal"

MichaelM: Simply edit another page copy what you want and save

MichaelM: For example, Lets copy a SOL link

MichaelM: If you refresh the page, you will see a link that I copied from the Virginia SOLs

DavidWe: Michael, I'm looking at:

DavidWe: <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=K12>

MichaelM: Ok

SusanEM: I'm lost

DavidWe: I see a new SOL in a two line table...

DavidWe is kinda lost, too

SusanEM: where?

MichaelM: If you refresh you should see an external link to the Virginia Dept of Eds Standardized Tests and answers from last year

DavidWe: I'm asking about a table with a blue legend at the top

MichaelM: In Demo

MichaelM: The top of K12

SusanEM: I'm in SOL how do I get back to demo?

DavidWe: Am I looking at the wrong page, Michael?

SusanEM: found it

MichaelM: Hit the back button on your browser

MichaelM: Great

MichaelM: Ok is everyone back at Demo

DavidWe: Can you give me the full URL for the page you want me to be looking at, Michael, please?

LauraBro joined the room.

DavidWe is on the DEMO page

DavidWe: Okay, I think I'm with you

DavidWe waves to Laura

MichaelM: Hi Laura

DavidWe . o O (external link to "Download Released Virginia SOL Tests & Answers")

LauraBro: Hi, I'm a media specialist interested in Wikis

MichaelM: Now if you refresh again, you should see links to real time Wiki changes

MichaelM: Great Laura

MichaelM: Click <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=Demo>

MichaelM: You can login as Teacher3

MichaelM: The password is pass

LauraBro: Who is encountering resistance from their district to web 2.0 apps?

DavidWe smiles

SusanEM: I am - BIG TIME

DavidWe: Any discernible reasons, Susan?

DavidWe . o O (NCLB, high-stakes tests?)

MichaelM: Well. This is a secure Wiki for teachers only

LauraBro: Ok, am brand new here; can't login as teacher3

SusanEM: predators - not safe enough for our network manager - who doesn't even want nameless pics out there

MichaelM: There is always resistance to any change or new things.

DavidWe agrees with Michael

SusanEM: yes

DavidWe: have to make the reasons to use things COMPELLING

LauraBro: Susan, keep nagging 'em; I do!

MichaelM: Provide a demo

SusanEM: I'm here to learn why it is great and safe so I can have an educated discussion with my NM

MichaelM: Not all Wikis are safe

MichaelM: This one is provided by a non profit org and only allows teachers access

SusanEM: who has created this one

LauraBro: David & Michael, is there research supporting their use?

SusanEM: how can I prove to my nm that it is safe

MichaelM: Helping Students Education Corp 501 (c)(3)

DavidWe: Research for....?

DavidWe: I'm not sure what you are asking, Laura

MichaelM: Let me come in and provide a demonstration

DavidWe smiles

DavidWe: Go for it, Michael

LauraBro: Research supporting use of wikis as educational tools

DavidWe: I think risk-taking is very tough these days - especially with the concern about standardized tests

DavidWe: None that I am aware of Laura - I'm guessing it is too new

MichaelM: I have several IEEE references

SusanEM: can you get those to us

LauraBro: I think DOPA is a threat as well to wikis and blogs

MichaelM: Sure. Hold on a minute

MichaelM: What is DOPA

SusanEM: DOPA?

DavidWe: I'm finding a couple articles from the magazine (and website) Edutopia - the publication of the George Lucas Educational Foundation

SusanEM: David - Where are you located?

DavidWe: I'm in New Jersey, Susan, near New York City

LauraBro: Online Predators Act- currently a bill; it's like CIPA but may ban use of web 2 in schools

DavidWe: I'll get you a web site about the current DOPA issue in a few seconds

SusanEM: great

DavidWe: o O (Deleting Online Predators Act == DOPA)

DavidWe:

http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/learning.now/2007/01/the_birth_of_dopa_jr.html

LauraBro: Susan, I've looked into wiki spaces; it's supposed to be a safe site for k-12

DavidWe apologizes for pasting in a bunch of URLs

SusanEM: Will we get a transcript or should I write this down?

MichaelM: It allows anyone logins

DavidWe: Here's something from Edutopa about teachers using Wikis

DavidWe: http://www.edutopia.org/php/article.php?id=Art_1756

MichaelM: We require a process

DavidWe: As a member, Susan, you will get a transcript of this after you logout

SusanEM: thank you

DavidWe smiles

SusanEM: a process?? can you explain

MichaelM: With this Wiki, you can monitor all changes in real time

MichaelM: The process requires you to be a teacher prior to using this Wiki

MichaelM: Other Wikis allow anyone access

LauraBro: that's www.wikispaces.com- it allows private spaces

MichaelM: We also allow private spaces Laura

MichaelM: Wikispaces allows private spaces, but has no process for assuring it is used for education

SusanEM: How do you know your users are teachers

LauraBro: Is this a Tapped In wiki space; I'm confused?

DavidWe: No, Laura - this is Michael's wikispaces site we are discussing

DavidWe: We are doing it in Tapped In

MichaelM: You must send an email to accounts@helpingstudents.org from a K12 domain

SusanEM: OK - need to be able to explain these things to the NM

DavidWe: NM?

SusanEM: Network Manager

DavidWe: . o O (not New Mexico, right?)

MichaelM: With Wikispaces, any student can go online and post anything

LauraBro: Ok, thanks for clarifying

DavidWe: smiles

LauraBro: Michael, what's the name of your wiki?

MichaelM: With this wiki, only teachers may add student users to their private pages

MichaelM: helpingstudents.org

MichaelM: Let me give you the link

MichaelM: <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=K12>

BJB2: Our hour is almost over. Michael will be leading a discussion on his teachers wiki again on February 28 at the same time. In the meantime, if you're not a member of this group room, I suggest you join.

MichaelM: Thank you BJ

LauraBro: Do students need e-mail accounts? Our students are banned after one kid sent a message to president and secret service appeared!

MichaelM: I will send you an email with the IEEE references

BJB2: joining the group will allow you to use the threaded discussion board in this room to ask questions to all the group members

SusanEM: no way!!!

MichaelM: No

LauraBro: Thanks for the lead

MichaelM: Students do not require an email account

MichaelM: Teachers do however

MichaelM: Our process requires that we maintain and verify teacher status

LauraBro: That might just win my admins over, thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!

MichaelM: You can also view all changes in real time

MichaelM: You're very welcome. We are a young 501 (c)(3)

MichaelM: Western Branch High School in Chesapeake VA is using the Wiki in their school

LauraBro: I'm going to say "bye". Is the transcript e-mailed?

BJB2: yes, Laura

SusanEM: Thank you so much for all the wonderful information. I look forward to joining you again to learn more.

LauraBro: Thanks everyone!

MichaelM: Thanks for coming everyone!!!

MichaelM: I'll stick around for a few minutes in case there are unanswered questions

MichaelM waves bye to all

SusanEM left the room (signed off).

BJB2: Thanks, Michael

BJB2 waves goodnight

MichaelM: Thank you BJB and David as always