Title of Session: Web 2.0 Tools for Schools

Moderator: Lynne Wolters Title of File: 20090917web20 Date: September 17, 2009

Room: Web 2.0 Tools for Schools Group

LynneW: In the WELCOME panel are links for today's session as well as previous sessions.

LynneW: UNDER the LINKS are folders of Web 2.0 tools organized by type and function.

DoloresG: we are going to have a "real" webpage for the school soon - it would be terrific if my teachers could do podcasts and put them up there

LynneW: There is no shortage of resources in this room! I aspire to be as resource rich as Sue's group room. [Ed. Note: Susan Roseman owns the K to 3+ Resources Group]

SusanR blushes

LynneW: Sue sets a wonderful standard.

LynneW: BJ helps me believe I can achieve it.

BJB2 winks at Lynne

LynneW: Dolores, please cruise around to get a feel for what is "out there".

SusanR: I like wallwisher for ease of use and versatility

SusanR: http://www.wallwisher.com/wall/sroseman

SusanR quietly excuses herself to do some chores

SusanR left the room (signed off).

AlexR joined the room.

BJB2: good job, Alex. This discussion will start in about 10 minutes

AlexR: Alright.

BJB2: while you wait, take a look at the items on the web window above the chat

BJB2 . o O (you also might want to join this group)

JoseVG joined the room.

BJB2: hi, Jose. Welcome!

BJB2: we'll start in about 10 minutes, Jose

BJB2: you might want to join this group also, Jose

BJB2. o O (to join a group find the green i in the welcome note and click on it. You will then see the group ID page. At the top of the page is Join this group.)

BJB2: after you have successfully joined click on Room View at the top of the screen

NicoleI joined the room.

BJB2: the main advantage to joining a group is that you are then automatically subscribed to the group discussion board. This allows you to communicate with all the members of the group asynch. Lynne also posts reminders of upcoming discussions.

BJB2: welcome, Nicole!

NicoleI: hello

BJB2: this discussion will start in about 5 minutes

NicoleI: this is my first time in a discussion :)

LynneW: Hello all. Thank you for being with us today.

BJB2: a great choice for a first discussion!

NicoleI: great

LynneW: Nicole, there are a couple of hints that will make this session easier for you.

BJB2: a reminder if you are new to Tapped In to go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and select larger text

LynneW: Look at the top of this chat module - right hand side.

NicoleI: ok

LynneW defers to BJ

BJB2: then go to actions again and select DETACH

BJB2: resize your chat so you can still see the web window...it's chock full of goodies!

BJB2 . o O (overlap the two screens)

LynneW: Hi Jose

JoseVG: hello all

NicoleI: ok...still getting the hang of all this

BJB2: comes with practice, Nicole

BJB2 . o O (participating in a tips and tricks tour helps)

LynneW: FYI

LynneW: Once BJ announces our session, we will begin with self-introductions.

JoseVG: okay

LynneW: I am this group's facilitator.

JoseVG: Thank you for having us

MarleneK joined the room.

LynneW: Once intros are completed, I will begin with the material I planned for this session.

BJB2 waves hi to Marlene!

LynneW: You can ask questions or make comments at nearly any time.

LynneW: Hi Marlene!

LynneW: We do ask those comments to be on track and focus with the content being addressed.

LynneW: Light good humor is always appreciated.

LynneW: You will automatically receive a transcript of this session, once you log off Tapped In.

LynneW: Any questions?

BJB2: She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

BJB2 . o O (humor to start ;-))

LynneW: LOL

LynneW: whack up the side of my head

LynneW: Welcome everyone.

LynneW: My name is Lynne Wolters. I have been an educational technology professor

for 8 years.

LynneW: I come to you from the lovely Pacific Northwest.

LynneW: Please introduce yourselves in any order.

LynneW: Name, grade/content area you teach, City/State

BJB2 waves hi. I'm a retired art and communication teacher located in Pennsylvania

MarleneK: Hello everyone, I'm Marlene, I teach in Edmonton, Alberta.

NicoleI: Hi all Nicole Ibarra and I teach 7th grade life science in Los Angeles, CA

DoloresG: elementary computer teacher in St. Louis, MO - grade 1-8

JoseVG: Hi my name is Joe I am from Los Angeles and I teach Ancient world civ

LynneW: What a nice mix we have here today!

LarryBa joined the room.

LynneW: Know that each of you are warmly welcomed.

LynneW: Hi Larry. Please introduce yourself.

LynneW: Tell us where you live and what grade level/content area you teach.

LarryBa: I'm Larry Barton, secondary English, former tech liaison for Red River Valley

Writing Project, and currently with a TALL EdMN Electronic PLC

LynneW: You are a welcome addition to our group today.

LarryBa: In Crookston MN by the way

BJB2. o O (your intro sounds like the lyrics to a song, Larry!)

LynneW: We offer these sessions each month. Please consider joining this group.

LarryBa: just left guitar club

LynneW: I post a reminder that will automatically go to your email each month to remind you of our upcoming session.

BJB2. o O (to join a group find the green i in the welcome note and click on it. You will then see the group ID page. At the top of the page is Join this group.)

LynneW: Often, I am asked about free web site makers for teachers and/or students.

LynneW: I have not actually created a web site here but do have a resource that you may want to check out.

LynneW: It is called Webstarts.

LouisL joined the room.

LynneW: The link is located under Session Links in the Welcome text box above.

LynneW: http://www.webstarts.com/?aff=dsn2009

BJB2: welcome, Louis

LynneW: Go take a look and then come back here.

LynneW: Let me know when you have returned.

LouisL: why thank you - will do

LynneW: Hi Louis

LynneW: Welcome

BJB2 . o O (you may need to hold down the ctrl key when you click on the url)

NicoleI: just checked it out

BJB2: ctrl overrides pop up blockers...or turn off your pop up blocker

LarryBa: looks good

NicoleI: there are a lot of features

LynneW: The sites seems to have a good mix of template tools for web design and will host domains.

LynneW: Does anyone have a need for a web site hosting solution -- outside your school district?

LouisL: back:)

MichaelWei joined the room.

LynneW winks and nods at Louis

LynneW: Hi Michael - welcome

SusanR joined the room.

MichaelWei: thank you

BJB2: wb, Sue

LynneW: Joe and/or Alex are you with us?

JoseVG: yes

SusanR: greetings

BJB2: Lynne shared http://www.webstarts.com/?aff=dsn2009

AlexR: yes

DoloresG: I am back, too - it looks great

JoseVG: Seems easy to build sites

NicoleI: I've been looking at the site designs

SusanR: Thanks Bj

LynneW left the room (signed off).

NicoleI: what happened?

BJB2: whoops!

MichaelWei: a lot of excellent features, such as Flash and others

JoseVG watching her go and shrugs

BJB2: Lynne will be right back

JoseVG: okay

BJB2 . o O (tech happens ;-))

LynneW joined the room.

NicoleI: oh okay

BJB2: wb, Lynne

LynneW: Apologies. Hard browser crash.

NicoleI: hello Lynne :)

JoseVG: we thought you left us

LouisL: usually takes longer for someone to run away when I enter a room :p

LynneW: NEVER

BJB2 rolls her eyes

LynneW: LOL

LynneW: Where are you right now?

JoseVG: lol

LynneW: What is my pick up point?

LynneW: Any questions about the web site hosting site?

LarryBa: do people still find much use for personal websites these days?

LouisL: Seems easy - what advantage is it over Google Sites

NicoleI: not at the moment

JoseVG: Who is this targeted for?

LynneW: Students or teachers or parents looking for a resource.

LynneW: Might be someone wants to create a web site for a soccer club

JoseVG: Is it as easy as google sites?

LouisL: ok - perhaps as a portfolio creation website for students/teachers - and I echo Jose's question

LarryBa: google sites is pretty easy to use, but poor in design options, from my experience

JoseVG: I agree, but dependable

NicoleI: it's not bad for beginners like me

NicoleI: plus all of my kids have gmail and use Google doc so its all connected

NicoleI: also I can have a blog spot connected to it

LouisL: and anything created in google docs can be inserted, but I think you're right - for a more professional look this is great

LouisL: thanks for showing, I had not seen or heard of it before

LynneW left the room (signed off).

JoseVG: ?

BJB2 . o O (poor Lynne)

LynneW joined the room.

LouisL: a bad connection perhaps

BJB2 gets out the jumper cables

LynneW: I am so sorry.

NicoleI: hello and wb

BJB2 zaps Lynne's computer with extra juice

JoseVG: no problem

NicoleI: I hate it when that happens

LouisL: I think we've all had this occur to us at sometime

BJB2 . o O (everyone hates it, but exactly, Louis...happens to us all.)

LarryBa: Not me...I have Windows Vista (JK)

LouisL: It's usually never my computer - but I have charter cable

LarryBa: Lynne, are we looking at any other apps tonight?

LynneW: I was answering questions and realized you couldn't see them

LynneW: Java applet is n't working correctly

JoseVG: I see your writing

NicoleI: it looks like it's working

LynneW: Let me discuss the resources I brought today. If I drop out again, you can visit each of them.

JoseVG: k

NicoleI: sounds good

LouisL: thanks - and we're a good crowd - rooting for you

LynneW: Microsoft has created some Internet Safety Comics to help teachers with Internet Safety.

JoseVG: nice

LynneW: They may appeal to your student populations.

NicoleI: great

LynneW: Today's BIG DEAL site is the last one.

JoseVG: k

LouisL: I <heart> go2web20

BJB2 agrees with Louis

JoseVG: k

NicoleI: thanks

JoseVG left the room (signed off).

BJB2: whoops...dropping like flies?

JoseVG joined the room.

NicoleI: oh no

BJB2: wb, Jose!

LarryBa: it's catching

JoseVG: hey

SusanR: contagious

BJB2: Lynne does have a boatload of links in this room

NicoleI: you're back :)

LynneW left the room (signed off).

BJB2: what she will probably do is post the sites she had planned for this session later if she can't get back...

NicoleI: sounds good

BJB2: so I recommend you join this group if you haven't done that already

LynneW joined the room.

LarryBa: Is anybody else as excited about Google Wave going live for public trials later this month?

BJB2 glues Lynne's shoes to the virtual floor

JoseVG: yup

NicoleI: it sounds cool

LynneW Lynne appreciates BJ's effort

LarryBa: I hope I get an invitation!

LouisL: remind me what Google Wave is

LouisL: (please)

BJB2: Lynne, if you continue to have problems, please post the urls you have planned to share to the whiteboard or to a note so we can come back later

LarryBa: It's a fully integrated communication app--email, blog, wiki, you name it

LouisL: <---- looks at fingers to see if they can still type

LouisL: wow that will be something

LynneW: They are already posted under welcome.

LynneW: Please check out this student site http://www.go2web20.net/app/?a=EkoLoko

MichaelWei: I have to go to work, but I have looked at the many juicy posts from the past and links posted for today, thanks for the great info and group. I am a new student at pepperdine just started in the OMET program in July. See everyone next meet.

NicoleI: thanks Lynne

LarryBa: Google has totally changed the way email will be done

BJB2 . o O (duh...I looked everywhere but!)

SusanR is trying ekoloko and sees possibilities

LynneW: The Go2Web20 has an index on the far right.

LarryBa: bye Mike

LynneW: Click for the types of tools/applications you want to explore.

LynneW: Bye Mike.

LynneW: Thank you for coming.

LynneW: I wanted you to each explore what interested you most.

LynneW: I have posted a new thread in DISCUSSION.

LynneW: I had hoped you would explore a site and then come back here to post what you discovered.

MichaelWei: I will have something to offer to the group by next time hopefully from our class collecting of web 2.0 tools for learning, thanks

LynneW: We can cover a lot of ground that way.

LynneW: Wonderful Michael.

LarryBa: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_UyVmITiYQ

MichaelWei left the room (signed off).

LarryBa: the link is to a demo of google wave

LarryBa: the video is over an hour long, so go later

JoseVG: oh yeah...

NicoleI: great video about google wave

NicoleI: but yes, long

SusanR explores http://storybird.com/

LarryBa: would you like us to post now, Lynne?

NicoleI: storybird seems interesting

LynneW: Yes Larry. Go explore and post what you have explored.

JoseVG: has anybody used migoko

LynneW: Storybird is a keeper.

LarryBa: I think my grandchildren would love storybird and ekoloko

LynneW: What is migoko?

SusanR: great for the K to 3 audience

LynneW: Can you give us the link Joe?

JoseVG: http://www.mikogo.com/en/

LarryBa: are you talking about the mapping site?

JoseVG: screen sharing

JoseVG: storybird seems neat

LouisL: that does look nice

LynneW: How would a typical teacher use a resource like mikogo?

LarryBa: it's more up my alley as a professional development tool for small PLCs

JoseVG: Well I would use if for homework support

LynneW: How would an atypical teacher use mikogo?

JoseVG: Assisting IEP students

LynneW: Good. What else?

LarryBa: shares features with zoho.com--the remote desktop, meeting space

LouisL: I would use mikogo for small group work

JoseVG: hmmm...since I don't really use it I will compare it to jing project

SusanR: teacher team planning

LynneW: Good. Good.

LarryBa: team planning, yes

LynneW: Collaboration with another classroom - across the state or country?

LynneW: Welcome Edith

JoseVG: So I could use it for mini direct instruction pieces

JoseVG: Like for math.

LarryBa: college level, for sure

LynneW: How about parent conferences?

SusanR . o O (Free Online Meetings for up to 10 participants)

LarryBa: great idea, Lynne

JoseVG: depends on your parent population

LarryBa: iep meetings

LynneW: yes, of course.

JoseVG: Might need tutorials first

LarryBa: it looks fairly simple though

LynneW: What web2.0 tool(s) might you use to create a tutorial?

JoseVG: That could be a parent workshop

LouisL: voicethread

LynneW: Yes

JoseVG: jingproject

LynneW: Can anyone think of anything else?

JoseVG: xtranormal

LarryBa: http://www.mikogo.com/en/support/video-tutorials/

LynneW: Larry is making good use of the tools at hand.

LarryBa: I'm too lazy to make my own

LouisL: Prezi - http://prezi.com/

LynneW: perhaps Teacher Tube or YouTube

NicoleI: http://www.scivee.tv/channels for science teachers

LynneW: We are in a lovely time with no shortage of free quality tools to help synthesize, create, collaborate, and communicate.

NicoleI: I agree

LynneW: How many of you may be challenged to use these sites by District filters?

LarryBa: over here

LynneW: Anyone else?

LarryBa: we have the tightest filters since Lark cigarettes

JoseVG: I don't think we are affected

LynneW: My sympathies Larry.

DoloresG: We should be ok

NicoleI: I think we can

LynneW: Good.

SusanR: nice open ended tool here http://www.mindbites.com/category/5-education

SusanR: share what you have learned or know

LynneW: This is my last link (found at Go2Web20) http://www.edmodo.com/

NicoleI: mind bites looks great

BJB2: A reminder that the next Web 2.0 discussion will be on October 15

LouisL: thanks all - I have a virtual meeting with a student in a WiZiQ room at 8 (also a good meeting place) http://www.wiziq.com - appreciate the nice ideas - see you next month

LynneW: Thank you for participating today.

BJB2. o O (there will also be a special web 2.0 discussion in the Learning Hub on Oct. 27)

BJB2: Thanks, Lynne!

LouisL left the room.

NicoleI: thank you for the great information

LynneW: Thank you for being patient with my browser wars.

JoseVG: thank you

DoloresG: Thanks, Lynne, I will be checking out your resource sites

LynneW: My very best to each of you.

JoseVG: So many toys to play with

NicoleI: I will also check these cool new sites for me

LynneW: Also, I maintain an ed tech news and resources blog - CU-ONLINE

LynneW: http://cuonline.blog-city.com

LynneW: You are welcome to use any of the resources posted there.

NicoleI: oh and thanks for the edmodo link

LynneW: Good night!