

Title of Session: Web 2.0 Tools for Schools

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LynneW: Looks like an exclusive group today

SusanR joined the room.

LynneW: Hi Sue

SusanR waves

SusanR: Hi Lynne

DonnaJB: Hi Susan

SusanR: Hi Donna

SusanR: I see you are a Facebook fan, Lynne

LynneW: Yes, I've been using it a lot.

LynneW: Experimenting with building communities and blending interests.

BjB . o O (you know there is a Tapped In group in Facebook?)

LynneW: I think I'm a FAN

DonnaJB: I didn't know that...I'm kinda new to Facebook

BjB: it's an open group, Donna. You're welcome to join

BjB: I post TI events daily

DonnaJB: OK, I'll check it out later.

SusanR . o O (checks her facebook page)

LynneW: I just canceled the Calliflower conference call.

BjB: was that the FB app you were talking about?

LynneW: Welcome to our October session friends.

LynneW: Calliflower is a Facebook application/interface for recording conference calls and moderating the call participants.

LynneW: Calls may be private or public.

BjB : so it allows you to use voice chat?

LynneW: I wanted to try it out and see what it would be like to have a text and voice chat session for TI.

BjB nods. I have a huge problem following both.

DonnaJB: Sorry, we don't have LDistance on our landline anymore and my husband has our cell phone.

SusanR : Is there a charge

LynneW: The resources I have posted today include that app, Etherpad which is an online collaborative word processor, a weekly news rap, and revisit to Wordle.

LynneW: It really is no problem. I was counting on only a couple of brave souls to try it.

DonnaJB: Sounds good!

BjB : we can always try the vRoom in LearnCentral if we have a very small group

LynneW: Yes, there is a charge for the call.

LynneW: I have posted a document link for Etherpad.

DonnaJB: Got it!

LynneW: Please go there and post your self-introduction. Let me know when you are back.

DonnaJB: Back!

BjB : what is the url, Lynne?

BjB . o O (I only see etherpad.com)

LynneW: <http://etherpad.com/1UtewuTUs0>

LynneW: I wanted us to pose questions for additional information/clarification, etc. It

already happened in a very organic way.

LynneW: Who is with me now?

DonnaJB: I am

BjB: I'm in both windows...

BjB: I prefer the TI chat, but the document is a nice tool

LynneW: Yes, this was just an interactive way to try the tool.

BjB nods

SusanR: neat

LynneW: Always easier if there is a simple purpose to the exercise.

DonnaJB: I like the formatting options. Easy.

LynneW: Easy way to collaborate with someone at a distance.

BjB agrees

LynneW: Even for students to work on projects together but physically apart.

LynneW: So, go check out THE WEEK IN RAP

BjB: is this from flocabulary?

BjB . o O (yes...same site)

BjB: very cool site!

DonnaJB: Cute. Glad they have the lyrics! My old ears and rap don't always work together!

DonnaJB: I'll have to check out Flocabulary.

SusanR: no mention of Canada

SusanR: great site to get kids involved in current events

LynneW: I thought it might work well with kids.

LynneW: Great project idea for helping them creating a final project with tech.

DonnaJB: I think they'd have fun with it...middle school and up?

LynneW: Rap isn't my favorite but my parents didn't like the Beatles either.

LynneW: Yes, Donna.

SusanR: they could research one of the stories

LynneW: Yes, a "rest of the story" exercise.

LynneW: Tied to information literacy/search skills.

SusanR: a good end of the week fun activity.

LynneW: I think it would be a homerun.

LynneW: The last link I had planned was a revisit of Wordle.

DonnaJB: LOVE Wordle!

LynneW: Christianne Ammanpour mentioned she used Wordle to analyze an Obama speech.

SusanR: adore wordle

LynneW: I thought - what if you copied and pasted the Constitution and Bill of Rights into Wordle.

LynneW: What kind of word cloud would they create?

DonnaJB: Have you seen Tagul?

DonnaJB: Similar but different.

SusanR: what is Tagul

LynneW: Or, pull text from any source and Wordle it. Then have students pull vocab they don't understand.

LynneW: Also, analyze hopeful words with factual word, with contemporary language.

LynneW: slang

LynneW: computer inspired or internet inspired words

LynneW: Let's look at Tagul.

DonnaJB: Similar but different, Sue. <http://tagul.com>

SusanR: like the interactivity

DonnaJB: I built an example from my delicious feed: <http://fame09.pbworks.com/tagul>

DonnaJB: I wish it would link back to the source of the feed...

DonnaJB: Maybe in time???

SusanR: didn't realize each word links to a website

LynneW: I like this very much.

DonnaJB: Wordle is much easier.

DonnaJB: Again, similar but different!

LynneW: Added Tagul to our session links list.

DonnaJB: Nice to have options.

DonnaJB: At least for a plan B!!

LynneW: Does anyone have another site to share?

DonnaJB: So many tools, so little time!

SusanR: <http://www.livebinders.com/>

DonnaJB: Oh, yes!!

SusanR: which I have heard can be used for eportfolios as well

LynneW: Is this a tool for organizing RSS feeds or more than that?

DonnaJB: I like it because the embeddable results are so small...You could have lots on a page.

DonnaJB: I think it's more of a webpage collector....

DonnaJB: Link collector

SusanR: yes

DonnaJB: I just found Toobla...again, similar but different.

DonnaJB: Not embeddable but more graphic.

DonnaJB: <http://www.toobla.com/>

SusanR: <http://www.livebinders.com/welcome>

SusanR: some examples

LynneW: I just watched the livebinders video. I like it!

SusanR: seems to be favoured by educators

DonnaJB: Great organizer for sharing links....

SusanR: used it for my cloudy with a chance of meatballs session here at TI

DonnaJB: Can we see your binder, Sue?

SusanR: <http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=3026>

LynneW: This is beautifully done.

LynneW: The visual appeal and user interface aspects are much improved over tools just new a year ago.

LynneW: Thank you for bringing them to my attention!

LynneW: Can't wait to use them.

DonnaJB: Nice, Sue! I've saved to explore later.

SusanR: you can readily post to facebook and twitter

DonnaJB: Things keep getting better and better...

DonnaJB: I just fret when good tools go out of business....or start charging!

LynneW: If there are no other resources to share, we can end the session.

LynneW: Thank you for coming and for your wonderful presence.

DonnaJB: Thank you, Lynne!

BjB : thanks, Lynne.

LynneW: I enjoy each of you so very much.

DonnaJB: I'm glad I made it!

BjB : back at ya!

LynneW: Heart hugs!

LynneW: Good night.

DonnaJB: Night all!

SusanR : try this for fun ..you get someone else's search

SusanR : <http://www.mysterygoogle.com/>