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DianneA: Hello Tien

DianneA: welcome to Teaching Teachers

TienLiW: Hi all

DianneA: . o O (I know Jeff and BJ)

DianneA: Does any one have a particular topic that they'd like to discuss tonight?

DianneA: anywhere where the shoe pinches, say?

BjB: TienLi, you are the one who should be asking questions!

TienLiW: I don't have a clue.

TienLiW: I have no idea about this class..

BjB: Dianne, perhaps you should explain what Teaching Teachers is about?

DianneA: let's start with introducing ourselves

TienLiW: oh!

DianneA: introducing ourselves

BjB: I'm a teacher in Pennsylvania.

JeffC: I'm Jeff Cooper, on Helpdesk here, an educator with 15 years experience, in Forest Grove Oregon.

DianneA: I am Dianne a Helpdesk volunteer and pre-service teacher from Wollongong Australia

TienLiW: I am an international full-time graduate student from Taiwan, and I am taking "Instructional Technology" master degree in McNeese State University in Louisiana.

DianneA: OK, Tien-Li then let's address your first two technical questions ...

JeffC: MOO= Mud Object Oriented... it is and was a program where users could register and actually program within the system. Tapped In used to be that type of program but has changed.

JeffC: Tapped In is a global educator's collaborative with over 18,000 members and 700+ professional development groups, university and K-12 classes.

DianneA: Jeff is quicker than me Tien-Li

DianneA: thanks Jeff

TienLiW: Is it same like an online (distance) learning?

TienLiW: Or just a place for educators to communicate?

DianneA: and in this session I am replacing Mary FT who has conducted these sessions for members of Tapped In, to talk about issues of teaching teachers

DianneA: My interest in teaching teachers relates to the use of reflective work to help improve practice

TienLiW: on technology part?

DianneA: There are online distance learning facilities that use Tapped In as their portal
Tien-Li

TienLiW: oh

TienLiW: how about "blackboard"?

DianneA: why not use reflective work on technology parts?

SylviaBu joined the room.

DianneA: there are a number of portals for online distance learning

TienLiW: HI, Sylvia, you are here!

DianneA: I have used Blackboard and WebCT

BjB waves hi to Sylvia!

DianneA: Hi Sylvia

DianneA: Jeff has some advice about Tapped In versus Blackboard

SylviaBu: I found it! Hi

TienLiW: We, McNeese State University, uses Blackboard, and it is my first time to know the online distance learning.

JeffC: <http://snurl.com/muvearticle>

BjB: Blackboard and WebCT have some different features than Tapped In does, but they also charge a fee

BjB: thanks, Jeff

TienLiW: you mean, TI is free?

DianneA: Sylvia, we are just checking in to see if our participants today have a 'burning question' to share

JeffC: Blackboard/WebCT are CMS (classroom management systems) or VLEs (virtual learning environments)... they have tools to handle a standard class.

DianneA: to stimulate the discussion

JeffC: Tapped In is a VLC (virtual learning community). It doesn't have some of the tools as WebCT, but it is a community of practice that holds many smaller communities. Those communities transcend the "classroom box mentality." Once a class ends in Blackboard, it's over. Tapped In offers free lifelong learning.

DianneA: TienLi has asked about Tapped IN and other sorts of technology for distance learning

SylviaBu: No, this is my first evening to try Tapped in and I am anxious to learn all I can.

DianneA nods to Sylvia

TienLiW: OH yes, once a class ends in Blackboard, it's over. I couldn't download or read materials from the previous class.

DianneA: Exactly my sentiments Tien-Li

DianneA: I have been struggling to find an ongoing community of practice for professional development

TienLiW: But how this TI class works? only can read the information from the conversation of each class?

DianneA: so far Tapped In is the only one that has staying power

DianneA: no there is more to Tapped In than a session like this

DianneA: there are the connections made with others

TienLiW: The way to solve my blackboard problem is I always download or copy-paste the information I may need in the class, so that I won't miss them in the future.

SylviaBu: This is good - I have wondered just what good TI is -- no offense, just my ignorance

DianneA: and there are groups that operate just as effectively in the threaded discussion mode

DianneA: . o O (at least that's my understanding)

TienLiW: ok

DianneA: any thing to add Bj, Jeff?

JeffC: one sec

BjB: nods...or a combination of real time text chat and the threaded discussion board

TienLiW: uh, from where can we read the class materials? or...

DianneA: Tapped In provides transcripts of these sessions Tien-Li

BjB: and anyone can create their own office where they can store files and links

TienLiW: yes,

DianneA: yes, let's check the files here TienLi

JeffC: plus... there is a new publish feature and central "Library" here.

JeffC: You may actually share your files with *everyone* here rather than just in your individual office or group.

DianneA: see the welcome page, and the lefthand side menu area

JeffC: I think I recommended that back in 2002... they've finally got that going (thanks to the other site!).

DianneA: if you click on links you will find webpages that Mary has been promoting to this group

DianneA: If you click on FILES you will find some files saved here that you can download

BjB: and, because this is a public event posted on the calendar...

DianneA: if you click on DISCUSSION you will find some of the threaded posts

BjB: there are archived transcripts of past discussions at www.tappedin.org/transcripts

DianneA: thanks Bj

DianneA: I thought we might next check out the Library Jeff mentioned ...

TienLiW: I was trying to go to the welcome pages

DianneA: if that is what folk would like to do

SylviaBu: fine

BjB: to view the library, click on the Tapped In tab at the top of your screen.

DianneA: let's check that TienLi knows what to do ..

TienLiW: yes, find it

TienLiW: you mean in the teaching teacher's welcome screen?

DianneA: let us know when you have opened the FILES section

DianneA nods to TienLi

MaureenB joined the room.

TienLiW: OH! yeah~

DianneA: Hi Maureen

BjB waves hi to Maureen

MaureenB: Hi

TienLiW: I have seen some files.

MaureenB waves back

TienLiW: hi to Maureen

DianneA: welcome to Tapped In

MaureenB: ty

DianneA: we are just about to check on Tapped In's Library ...

MaureenB: I'll try to keep up

DianneA: we are sort of discussing how useful TI is compared to the likes of WebCT and Blackboard

TienLiW: There are five documents under teaching teachers/files.

DianneA: is that everyone else's understanding of where we are up to?

DianneA: yes, TienLi, and you can download any of them you like

TienLiW: yes, I am reading them

SylviaBu: I think I am at library

DianneA: there are LINKS to other web sites under the LINKS menu

TienLiW: some of them are discussion about the class

MaureenB: newbie needs to know how to get to the library

TienLiW: yes

DianneA: Ahh, good Sylvia

DianneA: the way to get to the library is ...

DianneA: click on the Tapped In tab at the top right hand side of your screen

DianneA: and then click on the Library tab besides the calendar tab

TienLiW: yes, there is a library tab.

MaureenB: got that

DianneA: then you have access to stored resources available to all members

DianneA: at the moment it is small, because as Jeff says, it is new

BjB . o O (any TI member can add to the library resources)

MaureenB: which resource are we looking at

DianneA: thanks BJ, I haven't plucked up courage yet

DianneA: can we all check out the lesson plan?

TienLiW: yes, I am in lesson plan

DianneA: ahh that's a link to a website of lesson plans!!

DianneA: the Return to Introduction brings us back to the main page for the Library again

JeffC: the lesson plan links to Marco Polo

DianneA: Did everyone check out the Lesson plan resource and the link to the website?

SylviaBu: yes

TienLiW: yes

MaureenB: yes

JeffC: It's not really a lesson plan, and should be categorized as a website... even though there are lessons there.

TienLiW: ok

DianneA: Anything else to add about Marco Polo Jeff?

JeffC: I think it costs money... not positive though.

JeffC hasn't used it.

MaureenB: no

DianneA: useful info!!

BjB: doesn't cost to use the resources

MaureenB: money

BjB: I love the ideas on Marco Polo

DianneA: sounds like Bj has used Marco Polo

BjB: many times.

JeffC: ah... ok... lessons from lesson plans are free... but there are professional development modules that cost.

DianneA: any thing else to add about MP then BJ?

JeffC: that's why I thought it cost.

DianneA: thanks Jeff, a useful distinction and clarification

BjB: The sites that MP draws from are excellent

DianneA: so Marco Polo is a sort of meta-site .. that is really useful!!!

BjB: . o O (read write think, edsitement, etc)

DianneA: This is what I like about Tapped IN ...

DianneA: people that know and use can recommend

DianneA: OK, is there anything else at the Library worth checking out for now?

TienLiW: oh! but in TI, there is no a real TEACHER, people learn from discussion most of time, am I right?

BjB: take a look at SLIDES

JeffC: There are indeed some classes that are held here Tien.

DianneA: yes TienLi, for the most part, we are all teachers, but peers

JeffC: From universities and also K-12 teachers... anyone may create a class here if they want to.

DianneA: and there are classes held here for some of the universities that use the site as their online portal

BjB: there is always a discussion leader, but we all learn from each other. The ArtsSites discussion was a perfect example

TienLiW: oh! and it is free

DianneA: yes TienLi

TienLiW: really COOL

DianneA: If your uni wanted to use it more extensively, it might consider becoming a tenant

TienLiW: NECC

DianneA: but the part you are in at the moment is the freer more public area

DianneA: BJ suggested we might look at the slide offering in the Library, next

DianneA: let's do that

TienLiW: I am reading that powerpoint slides

DianneA: thanks TienLi

DianneA: How are you going Sylvia?

DianneA: Maureen?

TienLiW: is there a conference held in these days?

DianneA: yes TienLi

DianneA: and Tapped in is engaging in the conference virtually in about 18 hours time

TienLiW: Two of my instructors join that meeting. (keep reading)

DianneA: please check out the calendar

TienLiW: oh

DianneA: for what time that is for you

JeffC: That slideshow that I added is really best viewed in Internet Explorer. The file is also available for download... although I don't think I've published it yet. Bj, Bridget and Dan created it, I changed it, and it will be made available for other educators to download and change if they want to present Tapped In to others.

BjB: Jeff and David Weksler did a workshop yesterday...

DianneA: for me it is at 3am!!

JeffC: In that way, it's a "living collaborative document" that may be changed for individual needs.

BjB: David is physically at NECC and Jeff was in Oregon

TienLiW: oh

DianneA: it's what I call 'really good stuff' TienLi

BjB: they led a three hour discussion on using Tapped In

SylviaBu: still here

DianneA nods to Sylvia

TienLiW: If we download this presentation, the link will still work?

BjB: anyone can download, TienLi

BjB: save it as a ppt

JeffC: yes Tien... but I haven't published the document yet... I'll do that later. It's in the NECC room (which I see you're a member of).

JeffC: You have to download the .ppt from the NECC room (for now)... I'll publish it to the library later.

SylviaBu: NECC is what?

TienLiW: you taught me to be a member of that NECC room couple days ago

JeffC nods

TienLiW: ok

DianneA looks to Jeff for the potted expo

JeffC: NECC is a national conference on education and technology, going on now in San Diego.

BjB: NECC = national educational computing conference

SylviaBu: Sounds worthwhile

SylviaBu: I need to get going - my eyes are giving out. Anything super before I leave?

DianneA: and Tapped IN is having a live session there and everywhere else Tapped In is ...in the next 18 or so hours

DianneA: a tip for your eyes Sylvia

JeffC: I did a workshop (remotely using videoconferencing and Tapped In) while David Weksler supported from the room itself. Since this year's conference is on "Online Professional Development" it made sense to do it remotely. In my opinion, online professional development is really the only way to go. I began my workshop *last month* by getting workshop participants to register here. I gave them individual tours, and will continue to support them after the conference is over.

DianneA: see the actions drop down menu above this chat space?

DianneA: click on that

SylviaBu: yes

DianneA: click on 'detach'

SylviaBu: Better!

DianneA: and then select the font size you prefer

DianneA: sorry, I tend to assume participants in session know about that!

SylviaBu: Bj had suggested the drop down and I forgot. Thank you for the suggestion.

DianneA: come back for one of our tips and tours to find out more about how to use this medium more easily

DianneA: any other questions for now?

SylviaBu: I will. I am getting really excited over this site now that I know a little about it. Guess I will examine the rooms - groups - and join some. Good night.

DianneA: good night Sylvia

BjB waves goodnight to Sylvia

TienLiW: I will check some information in the library too.

TienLiW: Thank you to all

BjB: TienLi, you also might want to take a look at the Hurricane Central group

TienLiW: OH

BjB: that group was created to help the displaced children and teachers affected by last year's hurricanes

TienLiW: another event room?

BjB: it's more of a resource room right now

BjB: . o O (a group room)

TienLiW: Oh! I have seen that group room

DianneA: might we move to Hurricane Central now?

JeffC: I'll join you there momentarily... I'll go and publish that ppt now.

BjB: if you would like.

DianneA: Thanks Jeff

JeffC left the room.

TienLiW: Thank you again!!!

TienLiW left the room.

BjB left the room.