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"I teach, and learn. A lot. This is no small understatement. My passion for teaching and learning increases with every blog post I read or write, every podcast I create or listen to. A meaningful comment from student to student on a blog or a great revision on one of our wiki projects is something special, something authentic."

"The future of education does not exist in the isolated world of theory and abstract conference sessions. Instead, it exists in conversations. It exists in creating a robust learning network that is ever-expanding and just-in-time."

"I believe that everything we do should be in the purpose of creation. We need to create the environment, create the products, create the expectations and create the hope of a generation."

Professional Development in Liberty, MO October, 21 2010

Purpose

To engage all teachers with tools and pedagogy to improve workflow, student literacy/achievement and connected learning. We will create an ongoing teacher community focused on resource sharing, collaborative projects, and reflection. More concretely, by the end of the day the teachers will be able to post and reply within Edmodo, Co-create and edit within Google Docs for specific lessons, use audio, video and cell phones to engage students and manage workflow.

Agenda

- 8:00-8:30: Introductions and Sign-up for Edmodo Backchannel
- 8:30-9:15: Social Networking for Schools
- * 9:15-10:00: Sharing, posting, connecting, and group creation
- # 10:00-10:15: Break
- 10:15-11:00: Asking Good Questions and Getting Collaborative Answers
- II:00-II:30: Explore Google Documents, Spreadsheets, and Presentations as learning spaces
- # II:30-II:45: Reflection on changes to practice with Edmodo and Google Docs
- 1:00-1:45: Authentic Learning with Audio, Video, and Cell Phones
- I:45-2:30: Explore different ways to capture learning (Google Voice, Screencasting, and Vocaroo)
- 2:30-3:00: Workshop and Reflection time- How will you use what you have learned in your classroom and schools?