

Catholic School Librarian's Quarterly Meeting Minutes

10/16/09 St. George School Seattle, WA

- 8:30am:Sign-in/Breakfast/Update email information
- Tour of Saint George Library
- Prayer
- Introductions

Announcements:

- Our next meeting will be on Friday January 22nd @ Holy Names High School Seattle. Sign in 8:30am –meeting to start @ 9:00am. On street parking available as school will be closed that day. Bring any books etc. that you would like to give away. Main topic for the next 2 CSL meetings will be to map out elementary and high school curriculum based on the AASL's Standards for the 21st Century Learner. The goal is to have a work product to submit to the Archdiocese by June 2010.
- Karen Mitchell from Queen of Angels in Port Angeles says THANK YOU to all the folks who helped her with information about the Destiny grant that she applied for-she is hopeful that they will receive this funding.
- Sandra Barton Smith sends her regrets as she is not feeling well.
- Judy Baumgartner at Blanchet HS will be attending the AASL's 21st Century Learner National Convention in (Month) (Place)
- There will be a Destiny meeting at the Chancery on Nov. 13th –send Barb any questions/concerns you have and she will try to get them answered.
- The ISTE (International Society for Technology Education) formerly NECC (National Educational Computing Conference) has a conference in Denver, Colorado –June 2010. At the meeting it was mentioned that there would also be a conference in Seattle March 2nd/3rd but I could find no evidence of this on the web site,

Recommended Resources :

- Gambiahelp.org- if you have books and other educational items that you no longer need/use
- Check out AASL's 25 Best Web Sites for Learning and Teaching
- Born Digital – Understanding the First Generation of Digital Natives by John Palfry
- Edublogs.org- helps you build a web page; Teachertube.com- for lesson plan ideas; Utube.com-for help setting up a blog; Slideshare.com-upload and share PowerPoint presentations and documents; Historylink.org; ColumbiaKids.org-exploring time and place in the Pacific Northwest; SimplyWashington.com-an ebook about our great state; Widgetbox.com-applications that can be embedded in a web page or a blog.

If you find worthy websites please send them to Barb @ bcutler@stjosephsea.org and she will put them on the Catholic School Librarian's web site.

Meeting Discussion Points

Proquest: The Archdiocese will not pay for this service for any school beyond the current year. This would be a hardship for some schools and impossible for other schools to purchase on their own and would be a great loss for student research. Barb Cutler will

Speak with Sandra Barton Smith about the possibility of forming a consortium of schools to purchase this resource in hopes that the cost per school would be decreased. Barb will also try to verify that Kids World/Culturegrams/Elibrary are all included in the Proquest subscription. What if some schools would be considered outside of the Puget Sound ESD? This potential problem will be looked into also.

21st Century Learning: Sister Ann handed out to all present copies of the Standards for the 21st Century Learner adapted by Catholic Schools Librarians. This document contains four essential learnings and specific benchmarks in three of the 4 areas (#3. benchmarks are still being created):

1. Think Critically and Gain Knowledge
2. Draw Conclusions, Make Informed Decisions, Apply Knowledge & Create New Knowledge
3. Share Knowledge and Participate Ethically and Productively as a members of our Democratic Society and
4. Pursue Personal and Aesthetic Growth

This document also contains a brief overview if the AASL's Standards for the 21st Century Learner.

Discussion ensued about the difficulty in creating relevant curriculum across elementary and then HS when there are so many standards that school libraries trying to understand/manage/incorporate: i.e. SLEs (Schoolwide learning expectations), ELRS, 21st Century Learner Standards etc.. It was decided that the next 2 meetings would primarily be work groups where we could hammer out what we would strive to achieve as Catholic School Librarians (using the AASL's standards as our guide). Sister Ann will email to everyone the Elementary and High School benchmarks by grade level work already documented.

HOMEWORK: Review the documents that Sr. Ann emails- look for overlaps and missing areas. Be ready to discuss your observations/suggestions at the January 22nd meeting.

WLMA "Catch the Information Express" conference highlights were given by those who attended the Oct 8,9,10 Conference in Yakima.

January 22nd Agenda Items

- Highlights from the AASL conference from Judy
- Destiny Update
- Lisa Hillyard- Archdiocese Library will review resources for teachers/librarians
- 21st Century Learner Standards library curriculum work groups

Respectfully submitted,
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