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Workshop Proposal Assignment

Wikis in the Classroom Workshop Proposal

Workshop Description

The purpose of the *Wikis in the Classroom* workshop is to provide the teachers and administrators of Kelly Springs Elementary with the skills and knowledge necessary for integrating wikis into classroom lessons and projects. The workshop is designed in an active hands-on format. At the completion of the workshop, teachers will have a class wiki set up and ready for the implementation of a variety of project ideas discussed during the workshop.

Objectives

The objectives of this professional development workshop are for the learners to:

- explore example wikis in order to learn about the parts, menus, and tabs
- experience navigating through a wiki
- actively participate in the process of setting up and editing a class wiki
- develop ideas of how to integrate a wiki into their class projects

Rationale

The presentation of this workshop would benefit the school by introducing teachers and administrators to the concept of wikis and how to integrate them in the classroom. Teachers do not currently use wikis. Wikis are a valuable tool for meaningful learning activities involving collaboration. This workshop will provide teachers with the knowledge and experience needed to begin integrating wikis into lessons.

Instructional Activities

This workshop includes the following two sections:

Wiki Use in the Classroom – Participants will be shown existing class wikis from other schools and given the opportunity to explore them. This activity will allow participants to develop their concept of wikis and how to use one. Participants will also glean ideas from this exploration of ways to integrate wikis in their lessons. Grade levels will be given opportunities to collaborate and discuss ways wikis can be utilized in their programs.

The Process: Instruction on Setting Up and Editing a Class Wiki – Participants will be guided through the process of setting up a wiki step by step. They will be given information on how to edit and personalize their wiki and opportunities to practice these processes. This section of the workshop will include a PowerPoint presentation with screen shots of each step to make the process easier for participants.

Support Materials

Workshop participants will receive handouts including step-by step instructions with screen shots for setting up and editing a wiki, a list of online resources, and a list of example class wikis.

Technology Requirements

Each teacher will need to bring their lap top.

Wireless internet connection

Projector and screen

Scheduling

This workshop requires one day. An existing scheduled professional development day in January or May would be ideal.

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