

ACOS

Meeting Notes: October 2nd, 2013

Meeting began at 10:00am on October 2nd, 2013, in the Quest portable at Hidden Creek Elementary School.

Present:

Maureen, Trina, Joanne, Tracy, Janet, Rebecca, Shannon

Topics:

- District Update
 - Math
 - A pilot math program will be implemented in elementary schools.
 - Everyday Math will be replaced by enVisionMATH (common core). enVisionMATH focuses on fewer overall math concepts than Everyday Math but emphasizes mastery of the skills.
- ACOS Goals
 - Online Classes/Learning – Research
 - Maureen distributed a list of online resources for supplemental education/enrichment for students and asked that ACOS members divide the list and research aspects of each resource to determine quality, subject area, age/grade level, type of activity (class, games, etc.) and cost.
 - Went over some of the resources available (CHOICE, GVA, IQ Academy, WAVA, BYU for junior high school, etc.).
 - Maureen will look into Explorer and will apprise the group of her findings.
 - Enrichment Programs
 - Maureen will lead a satellite program at Sunnyslope Elementary School with the goal of offering enrichment, primarily in the area of science.
 - Discussed forming Lego clubs at school.
 - Talked about the development of online learning communities.
 - Discussed calling upon community volunteers such as local Navy personnel to put on special enrichment presentations within the schools.
 - Power Bins
 - Discussed the need to ensure the bins are being used in the schools and went over strategies to make that happen.
 - Discussed making master copies of bin activities available for parents to check out or purchase.
 - Decided it would be a good idea to make the bin activities available as a collection of electronically stored PDFs and send them to teachers and parents.
 - Discussed putting together two different packets; one comprised of activities for students and one containing a list of resources for parents.
 - Book Club
 - Will be put on hold until after winter break. Will choose books that deal with giftedness in general.

Future Actions Agreed Upon:

- Members will research online resources as follows:
 - Rebecca: www.khanacademy.org, www.egifted.org, <https://www.facebook.com/giftednetwork>, <http://www.tip.duke.edu/>

- Janet: www.coursera.org, www.firstlegoleague.org/, <http://numien.com>
- Tracy: www.edx.org, <http://ocw.mit.edu/index.htm>,
www.openculture.com/freeonlinecourses
- Shannon: www.marcandangel.com, www.giftedstudy.org,
<http://globalnews.ca/news/764838/u-of-alberta-joins-the-world-of-open-online-education-with-free-dinosaur-course/>
- Joanne: <https://www.udacity.com>, <http://cty.jhu.edu/>, <http://is.byu.edu/site/>
- Maureen will email to the group any additional resources she and Trina find as well as information about Explorer Academy.

Next Meetings: Wednesday, November 6th & 13th, 10:00 am, in the Quest portable of Hidden Creek Elementary School.