

Citizen's Advisory Committee

U-High

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Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2009

University High Library

7:00-8:45

Call to Order: Jeff Feid called the meeting to order at 7:00. January 13th Meeting minutes were approved.

Attendees: Mike Troll, Bob Dean, Ken Fansler, Jeff Feid, Valerie Wilder, Jeff Hill, Michelle Hardman, Laurel Schumacher, Judi Doubet, Allison Geyer.

Introductions and Acknowledgement of Visitors:

Library Information Specialists Brenda Thompson (Metcalf Librarian) & Anita Beaman (U-High Librarian) attended to present library Web site updates.

Metcalf and U-High Library Updates

Librarian Information Specialist is the newly approved title.

Shared Web site:

Online card catalog – not paper anymore! (Card Catalog is shared by U-High, Metcalf & Milner)

Fiction books are not divided by genre, which the students really like.

Worldbook Encyclopedia:

Arranged by Section Levels: advanced, student and elementary sections of the database.

Topics are reviewed through national standards for the section levels.

U-High relies solely on the online encyclopedias vs. printed encyclopedias. This allows access to multiple users and is much less costly (\$795 per year total for the district) and print from site vs. photocopying.

Students can access the site from computers at home.

There is a clear topic division vs. scattered topics on most research Web sites.

E-books are available online (out of copyright books).

Metcalf students start using this site as early as kindergarten.

Metcalf Library Web site tour:

Student resource center

Junior Source: Search for information leads to tabs for multiple source types available

Information is also downloadable

Highlight text and it will read to you

How to cite information

Related subjects

Kids info bits: Kid friendly graphic buttons

Same types of information as Junior Source in an elementary presentation

NoveList K-8 Plus

Search by describe a plot available

Added Non-fiction this year

Indexes a much larger collection than Metcalf, so students may have to find at another library

Divided by grade level, award winners, book-talks, curricular connections, grab & go lists, etc...

Good lengthy reviews which help with book matching

Book Flicks (available at TMS for about 1 ½ months)

Fiction / Non-fiction for Pre-K to 3rd grade

Pairs the fiction book with the non-fiction book (view the fiction and read the non-fiction)

Option to read along or on your own

Metcalf Librarians

Reviewing options to teach the Web site to the students in some library sessions
Review adding information to registration
Possibly adding library presentation to the Back to School Night

U-High Library Web site:

Why a small book collection?

We have so much access to digital resources at U-High.

Print collection focuses on high interest books, mostly for pleasure reading.

Library Blog and Twitter:

News updates, book reviews, announcements

Instant Messaging Link – Virtual Librarian Program

Research happening constantly in the classrooms with the laptops (less actually in the library)

IM allows reference questions to go to library for quick answers

Pilot this spring with a couple classrooms / teachers

Page Updates:

Moving away from a text heavy site, look for changes soon.

Listed most popular references databases:

General Interest databases

Subject Databases

CQ Researcher:

Current events research site

Modern world history online, American history online, science online, literary, etc

Browse by categories, time period, region, etc

NoodleTools (By the end of 2010 all U-High students will have been trained on this site)

Tools for automating report data creation

Online note cards tools

Online bibliography tools

Resource sharing (for sharing with teachers)

Shuffle order, print, analyze sources (graphs), etc.

Delicious (Online favorites for research)

Librarian resource recommendations

Makes it easier to outline available information on the web for students

Recommendation Section:

Ex: If you liked this book, you might like...

Social Networking:

Shelfari:

Keeps a digital record of books you read

Add reviews for books you have read

No limit to the number of books you can have on your bookshelf

Review of Committees

Legislative Forum (Eric Rudd)

Will put together a fall visit with legislators

Those Who Excel (Heather Marshall)

Mike Henning's packet has been started.

Due Date: May 18, 2009

Tech Plan Review (Ken Fansler)

Technology program presentation in January

Ken volunteered to review the plan

Very comprehensive plan

Submitted to the State

Conversation about laptop replacement (aging effects) in plan

New initiatives in the plan including U-lids option for 6-8th graders

One-to-One programs under discussion

Smaller machine price point is dropping

May get to the point where the purchase is cheaper than a technology fee

Netbooks are now running about \$350

In the past, state fund allocations for technology required state technology plans

Hope to see some funds in the stimulus plan for technology

Fundraising for Stroud (Allison Geyer, Michelle Hardman)

Waiting on the final design

Sound experts, stage experts, etc

Determined the initial phase will be bid very soon to keep timeline on track for June 1 start (demolition)

Seat Campaign: Still receiving donations – Contact Gail Lamb for more information

Stroud will be unavailable for the 2009-2010 school year

Report from Administrative Representative

Staffing reduction in Special Education

Provide low incidence programs for 30+ districts

Student enrollment is dropping in FY10; this has also been the pattern in previous years as more and more students

Are served in their home districts (90 students when Dr. Dean started with Lab Schools, we now have 32)

U-High Roof Replacement

$\frac{3}{4}$ of roof replacement

Naming Ceremony for the Wroan Engineering/Technology Center

May 12th, 2009

Personnel Updates

Linda Nylund, Missy Josephson & Don Petty Retirements

U-High science teacher position opening, working through interviews

The Lab Schools will not have needs for personnel cuts due to budgets similar to other districts

Stimulus Dollars

Lab Schools do not anticipate dollars from the following pools:

Much being distributed through Title I or IDEA (special education): both low issues for Lab Schools

Stabilization Fund: Put money back into schools that have had monies cut in the past several years

Lab Schools may be able to access some funding from the following pools:

Technology

Race For the Top: stimulus for great ideas, etc...

Budget Decisions for State may add dollars for the Lab Schools

Generally provide money to general state aid dependent schools which does help the Lab Schools

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13.