

Meeting #6 – Tuesday, March 26, 2013  
3:00 – 5:00pm at Bellingham High School

## Minutes

Present: Jason Alexander, Sharon Camblin, Kirstin Copeland, Chuck DeVange, Jim Facciano, Rob Freeman, John Getchell, Atrina Gharai, Ralph Hayden, Janae Hodge, Michael Jay, Gil Lund, Darrell Lutton, Brian MacNevin, Carter Maden, Connor McGreevy, Linda Miller, Steve Morse, Kristin O'Malley, Brian Pahl, Tracy Shaw, Michele Shenkin, Jim Straatman, Tim Stricklett, Sue Thomas, Jeff Thran, Tom Venable, Greg Verbarendse, Charles Waller, Joe Wooding

Meeting started at 3:05pm.

**Welcome:** Co-chair Ralph Hayden welcomed group and briefly summarized the agenda.

**Best Practices Demo:** Kristin O'Malley, BHS Social Studies and AP Psychology teacher Kristin demonstrated the use of the Promethean Active Board/Active Inspire software and Moodle Learning Management System

### Active Board/Active Inspire

- Kristin is part of a team that provides Active Board training and support to other teachers in the district.
- Active Inspire software is installed on all computers in the district.
- The software is designed to be used with a Promethean Active Board, but also can be used with a laptop, mouse and projector.
- At the elementary level, teachers often use the Active Board (mounted kid-height) for getting kids up and moving and participating in a "station" for counting, handwriting, etc.
- The Promethean company website (PrometheanPlanet.com) contains many resources
  - "flipcharts" – materials created by other teachers (free)
  - Pre-made tools – handwriting grids, classroom management tools (free)
  - Publisher created resources (various prices)
- The software allows the teacher to save a lesson/presentation (with handwritten annotations) to a .pdf and post it to a website.
- Active Vote handheld devices – let teacher see level of comprehension, lowers student anxiety, fear of being wrong.
- Active Slate allows control of the board from anywhere in room (also an app for use with ipad)

### Moodle Online Learning Management System

- Free
- Can be used for submitting homework, discussion forums, news, calendar, quizzes, worksheets, messaging, posting assignments
- Some textbooks come with Moodle downloads specific to content area

**Subcommittees:**

Members were excused to adjacent classrooms at 3:30 for subcommittee work for the remainder of the meeting.

Meeting ended at 5:00