

TWICE
Board Meeting
September 8, 2003

Members present: Arnie Comer, Janine Lim, Terry Harrington, Wanita Kampmueller, Diane Zoellmer, Sue Schwartz, Sue Porter, Eric Packer, Mike Maison, Mike Richardson

MIEM conference presentation plans are set. There will be TWICE presentations on Thursday and Friday.

MACUL conference

Please complete session proposals soon. The deadline is early in October.

Discussion concerning teacher participation in video conferencing sessions: Question about paying sub fee for teachers who present. TWICE Board came to a consensus that TWICE is not getting into the practice of paying sub fees. It is desirable to have teachers participate in video conference presentations. Teachers will be invited to consider presenting via distance.

NECC

Jan Zanetis has invited TWICE to write a proposal to present for the NECC conference this year. Janine Lim will write a proposal to present the TWICE web page including the database and projects. The proposal will be to present via distance. A separate proposal presenting Read Across America will be written by Sue Porter and Diane Zoellmer . There was a question about the requirement to register for the conference in order to present. Janine will contact Jan Zanetis.

Internet Conference Discussion

Wanita presented information about the InterCall Web Conferencing tool Mshow www.mshow.com . After discussion it was determined that this does not support the two way interactive format.

Professional Development: Eric Packer

The first priority is the MACUL professional development session. There was a request for ideas and a session name. The video conference data base has 64 PD sessions. The Library of Congress does a free session. It fits the conference theme and one could use the name of the video conference as the session name.

Terry Harrington shared his observation that shared classes are on the increase.

Projects: Sue Porter and Diane Zoellmer

Sue has already received a request to register for Read Across America. A suggestion was made that the date that registration will start needs to be added to the Read Across America TWICE web page.

Fieldtrips: Janine Lim

She is working very hard on the data base. Content provider numbers have increased from 150 to 227 and programs are up to 1048 selections. If someone wants content provider information added to the database please e-mail Janine with the information and include the webpage of the content provider if possible.

Communication and membership: Terry Harrington

11 ISDs have paid for 2003-2004 and 1 school district in Indiana has paid.

Question about finding funds to bus students to distance education sites was requested.

Ideas included:

- Mini-grant system set by individual ISDs (students do the research and write the grant request)
- St.Clair provides funds for virtual field trip, teachers must write a request.
- Write a MACUL grant for video conferences.
- Approach a business. Offer to give them connection time in return for providing funds for classes to go on virtual field trips.

Awards Committee: nothing new this month

Technical issues:

St. Clair is experiencing an increased interest in distance education. There is more willingness in crossing the county boundaries.

Round Table:

Jerry Allen has resigned because of budget and staffing cuts in his district. He was just re-elected for a 2 year term. The president took suggestions from the board and will proceed as outlined by the constitution. Suggestions for appointment were:

Aaron Schippert/ Saginaw

Mary Groom / Jackson

Teri Dougherty/COOR ISD

Lisa Houk

Mike Porter/Eastern UP

Ann Harlan, Family Information Exchange, called after visiting the TWICE webpage. She is writing a grant and needs to include the names of ISDs that have video conferencing capabilities. Her proposal is to connect parents and information using the video conferencing system. Her number is 1-800-292-7851.

Mike Richardson will be presenting at a conference. The topics are Internet 2 and video conferencing. He welcomed ideas and suggestions from the board.

Janine will be updating the TWICE board page.

Janine led a discussion about the challenger learning center. There is a great deal of preparation that is involved in this project. This will be taken under consideration.

Sue Schwartz shared that MSU is Installing ISD lines and may have things ready for 2nd semester. Chris Morrissey is the contact.

Gerald Ford equipment is ready and content will be ready later this semester. Cranbrook equipment is set and programming is ready.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45
Next meeting is Monday, October 13th.

Respectfully submitted by
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