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KatherineE joined the room.

BJB2: Hi, Katherine!

KatherineE: Hello

BJB2: I'll announce, Katherine, and then we can get started, ok?

KatherineE: I wanted everyone to know that I am available today until around 5pm.

BJB2: The time isn't a problem, Katherine, for me

JeffC joined the room.

BJB2: before I remind you all to detach, you might want to look at the featured whiteboard where Katherine has posted an agenda

BJB2: if you're new to Tapped In go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and click on detach

BJB2: that web window will then be behind your chat window

BJB2: Katherine, we usually start Tapped In discussions with introductions. Would you like to do that?

KatherineE: How does Gayle proceed with this?

NgaL: aren't we supposed to view the URL. BJ?

JeffC: I'm Jeff Cooper, on Tapped In Helpdesk in Forest Grove Oregon. I've got my professional clear credential in English in California, but thanks to changes in rules by TSPC I can't get a credential in Oregon (thanks NCLB and you're illogic behind "highly qualified teachers"). I sub occasionally... but frankly... I'm not much interested in going back full time into the K-12 classroom.

BJB2: Let's do intros...

BJB2: then you can go through your agenda, Katherine

BJB2: please tell Katherine where you are located and what you teach or hope to teach

BJB2: Katherine, please introduce yourself to the group

BJB2: I teach remedial communication in Pennsylvania and am on Tapped In helpdesk

KatherineE: Sounds good, I am currently teaching Science at James Lick High School in San Jose CA. I am a National Board Certified teacher in Exceptional Needs. I also am a support provider with Stanford University.

GabrielP: I'm a senior at Southwestern College in Phoenix, AZ- I just want to learn a little bit about NBC for the future

NgaL: I'm at the University of Houston. Will graduate this Dec. Will teach 4-8 mathematics.

KatherineE: Nga, you are in my passion area....I love teaching math to that age group (call me crazy)

PhasoukS: I'm Phasouk Sananikone. I'm a teaching candidate in Houston, Texas. I'm graduating from the University of Houston less than a month! I'm getting my state certification in early childhood through 4th grade general studies. I'm moving to California in January so I wanted to learn some more about the National Board certification process

BJB2: is there any discipline that can't be board certified, Katherine?

GabrielP: I'm getting my K-7 degree

BJB2 wonders if there is a minimum number of years that you have to teach before you can apply?

KatherineE: I believe every discipline has been covered, even counseling (Stanford has their first candidate this year)

KatherineE: You must be a credentialed teacher for three years prior to apply for candidacy

PhasoukS: credentialed in any state and in any subject matter?

BJB2: I understand there is a lot of documentation involved in NBC...

KatherineE: Depending upon which state you apply, you will need to be in a classroom (in that state) as a credentialed teacher for three years.

KatherineE: There is a substantial amount of documentation. It has been compared to a master's program. Many Universities have taken the process and accepted it as a master's program.

PhasoukS: Do all three consecutive years have to be within the same grade?

PhasoukS: correction: final three*

KatherineE: I have a teacher in my group at Stanford who had been teaching (for seven years) and had taken six years off to have children. She is now pursuing certification in this first year back to teaching. You do not have to teach in the same grade for three years.

KatherineE: Also, you do not have to attempt certification in your area of state certification.

PhasoukS: excellent information

KatherineE: For example, if I wanted to gain a National Board certification as a middle childhood generalist it would be no problem

KatherineE: There are several NBC's who are now thinking of obtaining a second certification

PhasoukS: in a different area? such as one in early childhood and one in middle childhood?

KatherineE: The certification is good for ten years.

NgaL: I have a question. So, in order to be NBC, we have to have master degree?

KatherineE: An example might be someone moving from teaching into counseling. They may have a certification as exceptional needs, but now would like to seek certification in counseling.

KatherineE: you do not have to have a master's degree, although many people do their master's along with their National Board Certification (I did that)

KatherineE: You're killing two birds with pretty much the same stone (or could be the same stone)

PhasoukS: This may be an invasive question, but how does one provide proof that they are qualified to be serving as Y, when their experience is in X?

NgaL: Therefore, as long as we have 3 years teaching experience. We qualify for the NBC?

KatherineE: To achieve certification you must provide evidence that you meet the National Board Standards in that area. Typically you will need access to the area(s) you are seeking certification

KatherineE: Yes, as long as you have three credentialed years of experience teaching, you can apply for National Board Certification.

PhasoukS: Ok

KatherineE: There are different areas you can be certified...library, Physical Ed, Music, Counseling. I'd encourage everyone to visit the website.

BJB2: http://www.nbpts.org/become_a_candidate

BJB2 . o O (unless that wasn't the site you meant, Katherine?)

KatherineE: that was the one! good job...

BJB2 gives Katherine a thumbs up

KatherineE: I have about ten minutes left to chat, does anyone have other pressing questions?

PhasoukS: From my understanding of the website, not every state will accept National Board Certification?

PhasoukS: is this true

KatherineE: That's interesting...I hadn't heard that. California is the only one I know of that has some additional strings attached when you apply for the ten year recertification. Do you know which states?

NgaL: This is interesting. I never thought of being NBC. I thought that we have to take the state exam if we were moving state from state.

BJB2: some districts will pay a bonus for teachers who become board certified

KatherineE: AH...there is the beauty of National Board. I actually came out of New Mexico to CA and had a difficult time with my certification. I decided to do both the National Board and the state certification at the same time, just to cover myself.

PhasoukS: http://www.nbpts.org/become_a_candidate/the_benefits here it says "Provides a portable teaching license in most states"

BJB2 has heard that some states don't recognize NBC

PhasoukS: it may be misunderstanding on my part

BJB2 . o O (don't move to those states, Phasouk!)

KatherineE: Yes, there are districts that will pay a bonus. Some states will also pay a stipend for working in underperforming schools (I am working in an underperforming school right now)

BJB2: ahhh...that's interesting, Katherine

PhasoukS: San Francisco Unified School District says 5k for NBC and 5k for underperforming schools

KatherineE: Some states might be looking at another avenue to become certified. I do know there are others out there trying to copy the National Board program (to some degree)

PhasoukS: that's about a 25% over the average

KatherineE: WOW! I know I will get \$20,000 from the state spread out over four years of my service in underperforming schools.

PhasoukS: is this Board that reviews applicants a Nationally standardized panel?

BJB2 knows that Katherine needs to leave in a minute...

KatherineE: Thanks BJ

BJB2: since you have a little while to think about NBC....

PhasoukS: thanks for your time, Katherine

BJB2: please join the discussion again in January

BJB2 . o O (January 28)

PhasoukS: you've been most informative! Have a good evening

BJB2: Thanks, Katherine.

PhasoukS: Thanks for moderating, BJ!

BJB2 bows humbly

KatherineE: Thank you, come back in January if you still have questions, or go to the

website

PhasoukS: -bookmarked! :)

KatherineE: good night

BJB2 waves goodnight

KatherineE left the room (signed off).

GabrielP: no, that was pretty good. I was hoping to save this discussion, how can I do that?

BJB2: Gabriel, when you log out you will be emailed your text chat

GabrielP: ok, thanks- have a great evening !

NgaL: is that all for the session BJ?

BJB2: depends on the net conditions re delays

BJB2: Yes, Nga

GabrielP left the room (signed off).

PhasoukS: thanks so much for the help, BJ!

BJB2: my pleasure!

PhasoukS: have a good night everyone

BJB2: You too!