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KaitlynS: Hello! We'll begin with introductions.

KaitlynS: I'm Kaitlyn and have taught Deaf Ed, students with autism, and students with problem behaviors for the past 6 years.

KaitlynS: Currently teaching in the UK.

BJB2 nudges Heather

HeatherB: I'm Heather and have been teaching high school social studies for the past 11 years in Virginia

BJB2 cheers...glad you could join the discussion, Heather

KaitlynS: Nice to meet you Heather.

HeatherB: Thanks, nice to meet you as well

BJB2: I'm a retired teacher located in Pennsylvania

BJB2: and am one of the Tapped In helpdesk volunteers

DavidW joined the room.

KathySt joined the room.

KathySt: hi there

KaitlynS: hello

KathySt: sorry I'm late

DavidW: Hi, Kaitlyn.

DavidW: Good job, Kathy

KaitlynS: we were just going through introductions.

BJB2 waves hi to David. Kaitlyn, why don't you tell everyone what this discussion is about

DavidW waves to Heather

BJB2 waves hi to Kathy

HeatherB: Hi David

JeffC joined the room.

JohnSB joined the room.

KaitlynS: This discussion will be about online professional development sites to utilize both in the classroom and to gain points for continuing ed.

BJB2 waves hi to Jeff and John

DavidW waves to John

KaitlynS: In addition, we'll be exploring some of the Tapped In features that can aid in both areas.

JohnSB: Jon waves back

BJB2: John, we've done intros. Can you please let everyone know where you are and what you teach?

KaitlynS: As always, this is a collaborative discussion with all of us as the experts, so feel free to jump in at any time.

BJB2 agrees with Kaitlyn! Collaboration is key!

KaitlynS: BJB- would you like to start with one of the new features to Tapped In?

JohnSB: I'm in Virginia...I'm the Asst. Supt. for Instruction...Always looking for ways to support teachers

BJB2: I have some information to share about using Tapped In for PD

BJB2: There is a group of TI members who have formed a group, TI: Learning Hub...

BJB2: we are working on a series of events to help educators learn more about some of the Web 2.0 tools they can use in their classrooms...

BJB2: and have an authentic place to demo how their students use those tools

KaitlynS: Wow! Impressed! That sounds great.

BJB2: I'm going to paste in the publicity blurb that we have so far

JohnSB: This year we are focusing on Web 2.0...I'm very interested

BJB2: a reminder to go to the Actions menu in the top right of your screen and select DETACH to make this easier to read

DavidW reminds John that he's not the only one with that focus

BJB2: Tapped In is planning an extended Calendar Event series which we have named Tapped In: Learning Hub. The purpose: Using TI as a learning hub to build a professional learning community.

BJB2: The planning committee has a number of options in mind, one of which is hoping to bring in teachers who will create a classroom in the student campus. They will then work with some experts in the Tapped In community and with TI mentors to learn how they can have their students link podcasts, video, storytelling, etc. to their TI classroom.

BJB2: The classrooms will become portfolios for the participating teachers. The ultimate goal that is desired is that no ONE community, site, environment will ever be able to provide ALL of the bells and whistles that can be achieved via Web 2.0! This expo will empower educators to be more flexible and knowledgeable in helping their students to be independent learners who use a variety of formats and resources to communicate ideas and construct learning.

BJB2: Another option for a participating teacher is linking in with LearniT to engage in LearniT's 21st Century Teacher Program for skills development and accreditation, with or without additional interactions at Tapped In.

BJB2: The first session will start in late July 2009, with a repeat session the first week in August and conclude in April 2010 with participating teachers showcasing their collaborative outputs: the work they have had their students do and upload or link to their classroom, or other joint resource constructions. Scheduled sessions are expected to be up to two hours long, and spaced appropriately for support over the period July 2009 to January 2010. Collaboration via peer partnerships, mentoring agreements, or small work teams will arrange mutually agreed meeting times and frequency for ongoing collaborative work.

BJB2: Sharon Bowers from LearniT-TeachiT (formerly NortelLearniT) will be leading most of the LearniT tutorial sessions. Please join the TI group TI: Learning Hub and contribute to this continuing series leading up to the April Expo, either as a mentor or as a presenter.

DavidW reminds newcomers that this text and all of the discussion will be included in a transcript you'll receive by email shortly after logging out of TI

BJB2: thanks, David

KaitlynS: I'm guessing this would be adaptable to all grade levels and subjects?

BJB2 nods to Kaitlyn

KathySt: glad I found the font option!

DavidW . o O (welcome, Bj)

BJB2: one of the things I'd like to do during Kaitlyn's session is have you join the TI: Learning Hub group

BJB2: and Heather, since you're interested in History, you should take a look at the Social Studies Forum

HeatherB: Great...thanks

BJB2: any questions or comments?

KathySt: not yet

JohnSB: I'm ok

KaitlynS: sure! This sounds very exciting for my students. I've had a lot of success with using videoing as part of the writing process.

BJB2: cool, Kaitlyn

BJB2: Do you want to do the join thing now or later, Kaitlyn?

KaitlynS: Let's go ahead now as this will probably benefit all members.

BJB2: great. Everyone, when you see me leave this room, please type `/join BJB2` in this chat

KathySt: k

BJB2: or click on the ONLINE tab to the left of the chat, click one time on **BJB2** and then click on the door icon

BJB2 left the room.

Room: HUB_Grp

BJB2 joined the room.

KaitlynS joined the room.

JohnSB joined the room.

HeatherB joined the room.

BJB2 . o O (did we lose Kathy?)

KathySt joined the room.

DavidW joined the room.

JeffC joined the room.

BJB2: ahhh, there she is!

KaitlynS: *** Reminder that these discussions will be sent to the email in which you registered with for Tapped In. So no need to frantically take notes!

BJB2 chuckles...put down those pencils!

BJB2: above this chat is a welcome note

BJB2 . o O (if you've detached, the web window is behind the chat)

KaitlynS: Do we need to "attach"?

BJB2: just find the web window, Kaitlyn

KaitlynS: Thanks!

BJB2: everyone see the Welcome note?

HeatherB: yes

KaitlynS: yes

BJB2: The last sentence in the welcome note is This is the group room for TI:Learning Hub

BJB2: there is a green i in that sentence. Please click on that

KathySt: I don't see it

BJB2: Kathy, did you detach your chat?

KathySt: woops ok

KathySt: ok I did

BJB2: when you click on the green i you will see the group ID page

HeatherB: got it

KaitlynS: got it

BJB2: do you find the welcome note, Kathy?

KathySt: no sorry

BJB2: at the top of the group ID page is a place to Join this group

BJB2: Kathy, if you detached your chat, look for the web window that is behind the chat

KathySt: k

BJB2: at the top of that web window you should see Welcome and Sample Introduction

KathySt: yep

BJB2: scroll down on the Welcome note

BJB2: to the green i in the last sentence

BJB2: and click on the green i

BJB2: select Join this group at the top of the group ID page

KathySt: ok got it, thanks

BJB2: when you have successfully joined...how are you doing, John?

BJB2: click on Room View at the top of the web window

BJB2: Room View will bring you back to the welcome screen

KaitlynS: there

KathySt: ok got it

HeatherB: me too

BJB2: now take a look at the drop down menu in the top right of your web window next to Go!

BJB2: when you join a group that group is automatically added to your drop down favorite places menu

BJB2: you can move to any location listed in that menu from any location in Tapped In

BJB2: that makes it really easy for you to come back here after this discussion and explore this room more carefully

BJB2: joining the group also subscribes you to the discussion board...

BJB2: so you can post questions, ideas, reflections to all the members of the group

JohnSB: got it

BJB2: the discussion boards in each room are one of the asynch features of Tapped In

BJB2: questions?

KathySt: I'm ok

HeatherB: not yet

JohnSB: yes

BJB2: you have a question, John?

JohnSB: Is there a calendar of events?

KaitlynS: Just a comment that I've talked with my administration and they are willing to allot prof. development points to me for partaking in these discussions.

KaitlynS: It doesn't hurt to ask your admin about that.

BJB2 agrees with Kaitlyn!

DavidW notes that Kathy is looking at using TI as a professional development platform for her teachers

KaitlynS: Of course each state and school is different, but if you ask and present it with what you've learned today, they might just say yes.

BJB2 . o O (Tapped In is not affiliated with any uni so PD credit (CEUs) are up to local districts)

BJB2: and yes, there will be events on the calendar for the Learning Hub...is that what you were asking, John?

JohnSB: yes

KathySt: that's how we are doing it Kaitlyn, I am having the teachers do kwl charts and a quick presentation

KaitlynS: That sounds great!

BJB2: There is also a tentative schedule posted in Files

BJB2: wonderful, Kathy

BJB2: OK, we're going to take a tiny detour to show Heather how to access the Social Studies Forum

BJB2: in the top left of your screen is a grey columned building

BJB2: below the building is a door icon...click on that

HeatherB: I am all right as I found the social studies forum the other day and already joined

DavidW: way to go, Heather

BJB2: oh, ok, Heather. Cool!

JohnSB left the room.

BJB2: we can still take the detour

KaitlynS left the room.

HeatherB left the room.

BJB2 left the room.

Room: TI_3_Lby

BJB2 joined the room.

HeatherB joined the room.

BJB2 laughs...we're scattered all over the place

KaitlynS : ;)

BJB2: |** ANNOUNCEMENT: Kaitlyn's PD folks type /join **BJB2** **|

JohnSB joined the room.

KathySt joined the room.

JeffC joined the room.

DavidW joined the room.

KathySt: sorry got company

BJB2: Heather and John and Kathy, click on Add to my favorites at the top of the web window

BJB2: just a sec more, Kathy...

JeffC wishes the old MOO command "/follow" still worked here!

BJB2: adding this room to your favorites puts this groups lobby on your drop down favorite places menu

BJB2: if you click on Room View to get you back to the welcome screen...

BJB2: and look at Featured Passageways...

BJB2: ALL the rooms listed under featured Passageways are special interest groups that are open to all visitors

BJB2: this lets you explore these groups

BJB2: if you decide to join, find the green i in the welcome note and join or request to join the group

BJB2: Kaitlyn, do you want to go back to the EduSources group room?

KaitlynS : sure

BJB2: it's listed under Featured Passageways

KaitlynS: can you lead us all there

BJB2 left the room.

Room: EduSources_Grp

BJB2 joined the room.

HeatherB joined the room.

KaitlynS joined the room.

JohnSB joined the room.

BJB2 hands a gold star to Heather and John

BJB2 . o O (one each ;-)

BJB2: good job!

HeatherB: thanks

BJB2: not sure if Kathy had to leave

KaitlynS: Any questions or comments on the hub?

JohnSB: I'm good

HeatherB: me too

BJB2: Kaitlyn, did you have any PD resources to share with us

KaitlynS: I think that's a great idea.

KaitlynS: I do.

BJB2: thanks, Kaitlyn...we're really excited

KaitlynS: You may have already heard of this one

KaitlynS: <http://www.paec.org/teacher2teacher/>

KaitlynS: Is this new to anyone?

JohnSB: yes

HeatherB: yes

BJB2: hold down the ctrl key when you click on the url

BJB2 . o O (overrides pop up blockers)

DavidW joined the room.

KaitlynS: David we are looking at the link <http://www.paec.org/teacher2teacher/>

DavidW . o O (Kathy had a bunch of interruptions so she logged out)

DavidW: Thanks, Kaitlyn

KaitlynS: ok thanks

KaitlynS: basically this site is pre-recorded live workshops on various topics in a variety of subject levels

KaitlynS: It is completely FREE!

JohnSB: Free is great!!!

KaitlynS: Although, you do need to register with an email and a password.

JohnSB: That's not a problem

HeatherB: I am all over free

KaitlynS: If you click on the English in the left purple column and have a bit of an explore.

KaitlynS: They offer reading material, videos, quizzes at the end with results sent to your email, and further extension activities.

JeffC: sorry... what site is that Kaitlyn?

KaitlynS: I find this very helpful as I don't always have the time or money to drive to workshops.

KaitlynS: <http://www.paec.org/teacher2teacher/>

JeffC: thanks

KaitlynS: Also, in the purple column.... you will see TEACHER CREDIT requirements by state

KaitlynS: If you click on this, and then click on the state in which you teach, it will give you a general idea of how you may accumulate points.

KaitlynS: Mine was entirely through my Local School District.

JohnSB: Same with us

KaitlynS: I have used many of the English resources on here and have found them to be very quality. It even records the audience participation so you always get the devil's advocate as well with the topic being discussed.

JohnSB: At times the Virginia DOE does provide training Economic times are putting a stop to many of the state supported programs

KaitlynS: Wow, well like I said, these are FREE!

KaitlynS: Any questions or comments on these?

HeatherB: none here

JohnSB: That's why I'm happy to see this

KaitlynS smiles

KaitlynS: Another completely free quality workshop site is <http://www.thirteen.org/edonline/concept2class/>

KaitlynS: let me know when you are there

HeatherB: I am there

BJB2 . o O (btw, Kaitlyn has a folder in this group room with some of her resources.)

JohnSB: So am I

KaitlynS: When you get there, click on the After School program link.

KaitlynS: It's about midway down on the left.

JohnSB: got it

HeatherB : done

KaitlynS : Then click on the red GET CREDIT in the upper right.

HeatherB : got it

JohnSB : so do I

JohnSB : PDF letter to Admin is great

KaitlynS : This allows you to download a letter written by the site/program to your administrator explaining what the workshop is about.

KaitlynS : Exactly.

HeatherB : very cool

KaitlynS : This site offers reading material, videos within the material, and loads of extension activities for application leveled points.

KaitlynS : Any questions or comments?

HeatherB : not at this time

JohnSB : Has anyone used this for home schooling?

KaitlynS : I'm sure it could be very useful, especially the first site I listed. However, I have not had experience with anyone using it for home schooling

JohnSB : I was looking at the Syllabus

JohnSB : I like the Rubric too

KaitlynS : It's very spelled out I think.

KaitlynS : Heather- Before I forget, BJB did some googling for me and found this site <http://tutorial.teachtci.com/>

JohnSB : This can be used for many different stakeholders, Community parents etc

KaitlynS : I haven't looked at it, but it might be one you want to explore.

KaitlynS : I think it definitely has a positive wrap around attribute to it.

JohnSB : Worth the tome to investigate

HeatherB: I will check it out, thanks

JeffC found another: <http://applebatch.com/> ...use jbcops@gmail.com if you register ... i get \$10 if i register 10 people (well... so they say anyway). it's another PD community.

KaitlynS: If you look at the Edusources page. Underneath you will see Kaitlyn's professional dev. links. If you click on that, you will see the links I provided as well as others that I have found useful.

KaitlynS: Thanks Jeff!

JohnSB: Great resource

KaitlynS: Does anyone have a site that is found to be particularly useful?

JeffC . o O (Tapped In is pretty good I hear)

KaitlynS: I've heard the same :)

KaitlynS: Are there any upcoming Tapped In events on the calendar we should be watching for?

KaitlynS: I'm very intrigued for the "hub".

DavidW: Come to the next planning meeting, if you can, Kaitlyn

KaitlynS: ok

DavidW: Thursday, 16 July at 4:30pm EDT

DavidW . o O (I think)

BJB2 nods to David

KaitlynS: ok might be a bit late my time, but I'll try

DavidW smiles

JohnSB: I'll be on Vacation

BJB2: John, maybe you would like to be a mentor to a participant

KaitlynS: Thanks so much everyone for participating. I love collaborating with everyone- learn so much more that way.

HeatherB: Thank you very much for the resources

KaitlynS: No problem.

BJB2: Thanks, Kaitlyn. Did you want to plan on a session in August or September?

KaitlynS: Any last minute questions or comments before we end?

KaitlynS: I didn't. I will be moving to London in October and will be back in the states in October. Due to that, I'll restart in November as a facilitator.

BJB2: sounds good! I probably have that written down someplace ;-)

KaitlynS: Just due to uncertainty in my schedule, I can't fully commit for the next months.

JohnSB: In the future yes I wouldn't mind being a mentor...I'm going to use this site during as a resource for my high school students I love the resources and they need to work with students on web 2.0

KaitlynS: However, I will definitely log on and join when I can.

DavidW: good luck with BOTH moves, Kaitlyn

JohnSB: But my guess is the students are way ahead of my teachers

KaitlynS: I'm looking forward to learning with lyrics!

KaitlynS: Thanks!

DavidW: One idea then, John, is to have students work collaboratively with teachers on adapting the tech stuff to the goals in curriculum

DavidW: There are some nice models for that, I think

JeffC: you'll want to create a K-12 classroom here then, John.

KaitlynS: haha- I'm thinking Tapped In needs a built in spell check! I'm all thumbs tonight.

JohnSB: WE did that this summer..What a great revelation for teachers

JohnSB: we plan to do more

JohnSB: I would be interested in the models

JohnSB: This was great lots of good info form all than you everyone

JohnSB: Thank you every one

KaitlynS: Have a great afternoon/night.

DavidW: Thanks for joining the discussion, John

DavidW: Thanks, Kaitlyn

BJB2 waves bye. Take care, Kaitlyn!

JohnSB: Take Care