

Title of Session: Student Activity Center Grand Opening

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BJ: Amy and Kimberly, Zaz and Patti are troubleshooting the tech stuff for the Student Center

ZazH: so how do we want to do this, an open Q&A?

ZazH: we don't need to try to fix stuff right now

BJ: well, why don't we start with introductions

BJ: o O (since we have some new members participating)

ZazH: okay. I'm Zaz, I'm one of the Tapped In developers

BJ: Welcome to the Grand Opening of the Student Center.

ZazH: I recently just finished implementing most of K-12 student accounts and groups

SusanR: Sue Roseman..K to 8 Occasional teacher from Ottawa, Ontario

AmyLD: I am Amy, I am a preservice teacher at the University of Houston

PattiS: I'm Patti, another Tapped In developer

KimberlyAS: I am Kim and I am also a preservice teacher at the university of Houston

BJ: The student center is a place to bring your K-12 students

BJ: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

BJ: Patti and Zaz are here to answer questions about the Student Center

BJ: I'm wondering how two classes can get together in the student center

ZazH: Judi should be here too but she isn't yet...

BJ: will they meet in the reception area? or do you have other rooms planned?

SusanR: I would love a tour of the center.

ZazH: okay, we'll do a tour after everyone gets here

KimberlyAS: sounds good

ZazH: you could meet in the reception area

ZazH: or we could create student conference rooms as we have in the TI2 building

AmyLD: What kinds of things would students in grades K-2nd do in the student center

BJ: I think conference rooms is a good idea

BJ: we had the studios in TI1

ZazH: in the long term, we could allow "regular" groups to exist in the SAC building that individual students could join

ZazH: we don't have a way to place these in the SAC building right now, but if that seems like a need we can focus on it

SusanR: o O (wonders if the Student Center is recommended for K to 3 students.)

JeffC: K-2 is obviously tricky... because the typing skills won't be there... unless you're really high end and have a speech synthesizer (very doubtful). But... getting used to the environment... perhaps clicking on an uploaded document or two... I think really for the younger grades... that Tapped In is more of a resource for the educators to collaborate with each other, and possibly parents.

SusanR agrees with Jeff.

AmyLD: Kim and I will be certified to teach K-4th grade that's why I'm asking

ZazH: this is where Judi would come in since I'm more of a technical resource than an educational one

SusanR: Amy and Kim, do check out the calendar for the November K to 3 ASO sessions-great planning resources

ZazH: but I think for 2nd and under kids it might be a little much

ZazH: kids are pretty smart and tech-savvy though

AmyLD: I agree

KimberlyAS: I will definitely be there to check it out

SusanR: . o O (we can't underestimate these youngsters)

ZazH: maybe I'll give a quick overview to how student accounts work

BJ: yes, I'd like to hear that, Zaz

ZazH: hmm okay

KimberlyAS: me too

KristiM joined the room.

ZazH: well the general idea is that you start by creating a K-12 Student group

ZazH: this group is always public in that it can be seen

ZazH: but is invitation only, so no one can join

ZazH: when you create the group, you can specify how many student accounts you would like

ZazH: and can create a default password

ZazH: there are some other details

ZazH: but that's basically it

ZazH: once your group is created

BJ: . o O (you have to be in the Student Center to create the student group)

ZazH: well I think you just have to go to Tapped In Groups

ZazH: and there is a link to create a student group

ZazH: you don't have to literally be there

ZazH: although that is where the group will be once it is created

ZazH: student accounts are a little different from regular TI users

BJ: ahhh, yes. That is new. It wasn't there a couple days ago

ZazH: oh, let's back up a bit

ZazH: I should have started by saying

ZazH: that there are now TWO campuses

ZazH: the regular Tapped In campus where most everything is

ZazH: and the K-12 Student campus where the SAC building is

ZazH: all K-12 Student groups are in the SAC building on the K-12 Student campus

ZazH: so, now, student accounts

BJ: . o O (SAC = Student Activity Center)

ZazH: students cannot leave the K-12 Student campus

ZazH: and guests cannot go to the K-12 student campus

ZazH: that's one of the features we implemented to try to avoid kids coming into contact with random people

ZazH: student accounts have certain limitations

ZazH: they cannot create their own groups

ZazH: they have very limited profiles

ZazH: they cannot e-mail or leave saved messages for any user (student or otherwise)

that is not in their student group

AmyLD: That is a good idea, there are a lot of internet predators out there.

ZazH: let's see... what else

ZazH: once you've created a student group

ZazH: you can edit the names and usernames of your students

ZazH: and change their passwords

ZazH: you can delete student accounts or add more one by one

ZazH: if you like, you can restrict your students to the student group room

BJ: oh...I didn't know you could edit the names

ZazH: by default they can roam the SAC building though

ZazH is thinking

KimberlyAS: what grade level would you recommend introducing TI

ZazH: a student can't be invited to join another student group

ZazH: well

ZazH: they are intended for any student K-12

ZazH: as we talked about before it might require a lot of help and supervision for the littlest ones

ZazH: but Tapped In is a pretty versatile tool that you can do any group collaboration with

ZazH: so I would think it would be particularly useful for middle and high school

KimberlyAS: but a kindergartener wouldn't know how to type or spell, are there virtual tour for them

ZazH: the K-12 student stuff we have in place is really just the bare bones functionality

ZazH: I wrote it about a month ago and it went live maybe 2 weeks ago

ZazH: so there isn't a whole lot of supporting documentation and stuff

BJ: it's up to the teachers to provide the content of the lessons

ZazH: as an aside

ZazH: *anyone who is interested in K-12 students in Tapped In should join the K-12 Students group*

ZazH: *you can start threads about ideas on how to make student groups/accounts more useful*

BJ: good suggestion, Zaz

ZazH: and share thoughts to other teachers who are bringing students online

ZazH: for example, if a virtual tour is an idea people are interested in

BJ: o O (does everyone know how to join a group?)

ZazH: you could start a discussion about that and develop the idea

ZazH: it's much easier for me to go to Mark (Schlager) with an idea like that

ZazH: if people have demonstrated an interest and a need

ZazH: (and specific suggestions are always good)

ZazH: so, anyone have any questions about how student groups and accounts work?

KimberlyAS: no it all is pretty clear

ZazH: really? wow!

ZazH: I almost never hear that

BJ smiles.

ZazH: so has anyone here made a K-12 group yet? (Jeff)

KimberlyAS: no

ZazH: and want to say anything about how you've used student groups?

BJ: I made a test group just to see what I could do

BJ: o O (and what a student could do when they were logged in)

ZazH: any surprises or questions? (aside from the bug we found earlier)

BJ: but I missed where you can change the names...and did have someone ask me if you could do that. I'm glad you are able to give the students more personalized names

ZazH: so to do any sort of configuration

ZazH: you need to go to "Settings"

BJ nods

ZazH: which appears under "Passageways"

ZazH: in your group room

ZazH: and under member management you can "edit" your students

ZazH: that is also where you can limit your students access to just the group room

BJ: should I post to the K-12 group that I think we need a conference room or two?

ZazH: Jeff? anything to add?

BJ: o O (for collaboration between classes)

JeffC: Well... there are a number of things...

SusanR: Can we proceed to the Student Activity Center and see Jeff's or BJ's group?

JeffC: but they will wait

ZazH: sure, let's go to SAC

ZazH: so to get to SAC reception, click on Tapped In, then scroll down and click K-12 Student Campus, then click the SAC building in the middle

JeffC left the room.

ZazH: or just join me when I get there

ZazH left the room.

Room: Student Activity Center Reception

ZazH joined the room.

JimHi joined the room.

SusanR joined the room.

ZazH: all right

KristiM joined the room.

JenniferDa joined the room.

ZazH: got some of you

ZazH: I'm so silly

ZazH: of course you can't join me

ZazH: because, if you are in one campus

ZazH: you can't chat or PM people in the other campus

AmyLD joined the room.

ZazH: not sure if I mentioned that

ZazH: so if you click the Online tab

ZazH: you'll see that you can only see users in this campus

ZazH: let's wait for BJ

ZazH: (before we go anywhere)

JeffC left the room.

ZazH: so try this out

ZazH: click on Tapped In

ZazH: and then People

KimberlyAS joined the room.

ZazH: you'll see that you only see people in this campus

PattiS joined the room.

ZazH: everyone with me?

KimberlyAS: yep

ZazH: so that is what your students would see too

JimHi: ok

JenniferDa: good

ZazH: if there were 35 people logged into the other campus, your students would not see them

BjB joined the room.

ZazH: now click "Show offline users" [Ed. note: first click on the Tapped In tab at the top of your screen. Then click on People and then click on "Show Offline Users."]

JeffC joined the room.

ZazH: this shows you the folks that are online here AND all the students

ZazH: so again

ZazH: your students would only see this, students and people currently on this campus

JeffC: brb

ZazH: now, us regular TI folks also have a link to "Show other campuses" [Ed. note: click on the Tapped In tab and then click on Places to see the Show other campuses" link.]

ZazH: that shows you EVERYBODY

ZazH: students do NOT have this link

JimHi: best for security reasons

ZazH: right

BjB: cool

ZazH: so if someone, a TI person

ZazH: Jeff S comes to SAC Reception

SusanR: Neat!

ZazH: a student could view his profile

ZazH: but if he is offline

ZazH: or in TI Reception

ZazH: then the student could not browse it in the Tapped In People tab

ZazH: similarly they could not find him in Search

ZazH: so for all intents and purposes

ZazH: regular TI members are invisible to students

ZazH: unless they happen to be hanging out in SAC

ZazH: likewise

ZazH: students can[not] see groups or rooms or search for groups or rooms that are not on this campus

ZazH: make sense?

JimHi: absolutely

ZazH: okay

ZazH: so here we are in SAC reception

BjB: regular ti members don't show on the ONLINE tab if they are in the SAC?

ZazH: they do

ZazH: wait

ZazH: they do if YOU are in SAC too

ZazH: they do not if you are in TI2 campus

ZazH: if you click Online right now

ZazH: you should see all of us

ZazH: so here we are in SAC

ZazH: as you can see it's pretty sparse

BjB: right, but if I'm in the main reception area of TI, I don't see any of us on the online tab

ZazH: yes you should not

ZazH: each campus is it's own little chat world

ZazH: completely separate from each other

AmyLD: That's cool

ZazH: this was the easiest way we could offer some protection from students

JimHi: I agree with the idea

ZazH: it's a little inconvenient if you are in your office e.g.

ZazH: and want to know if your students are online

JeffC: They still login as guests though... when they need to talk to someone in Reception.

ZazH: but you can actually find out if they are online

ZazH: you can check your Me: People list

ZazH: and it should indicate the location of your student

ZazH: or search for them

ZazH: they just don't appear in the chat

ZazH: that is a little tricky to understand

ZazH: I wanted to let you be able to find out someone's location, even if you can't pm or chat with them directly

ZazH: anyway

ZazH: if you have any ideas for SAC Reception

ZazH: let us know

ZazH: there's nothing here right now!

ZazH: everyone go ahead and click "In This Building"

ZazH: and you can see that there are only 2 floors

ZazH: this one, with just this room

ZazH: and the groups floor

SusanR: 19 group rooms, already!

ZazH: if we added student studio rooms (or whatever) they would probably be on this floor

ZazH: yeah!

ZazH: so as you can see

ZazH: there are 19 groups already

ZazH: everyone go ahead and click on the SAC Groups Lobby

SusanR left the room.

ZazH: this time you should be able to join me
ZazH left the room.

Room: Student Activity Center Lobby

ZazH joined the room.

JimHi joined the room.

ZazH: heh, I feel like I'm herding cats

PattiS joined the room.

BjB joined the room.

JenniferDa joined the room.

JeffC joined the room.

ZazH: let's give Kimberly and Amy a minute to catch up

SusanR notices Patti's Test Student Group

ZazH: so while we're waiting

ZazH: click on "On This Floor"

KimberlyAS joined the room.

AmyLD joined the room.

JimHi: Zaz...if you'd like we could use my room for science too

JimHi: I have it set up for a workshop

ZazH: so if you click On This Floor

ZazH: you'll see all the groups

ZazH: now since you probably aren't members

ZazH: you can't actually enter them

ZazH: so this is what a random TI person would see

ZazH: click on the "i" for one of the groups

BretB joined the room.

ZazH: let me find a good one

ZazH: okay

ZazH: try clicking on the Cubbies group

ZazH: as you can see

ZazH: Patrick

ZazH: has named all his students

ZazH: so they have names like Jack and Jessica instead of Cubs01St

ZazH: Patrick could have also changed their usernames to JackSt or JessicaSt

ZazH: (assuming they are not taken)

ZazH: all student usernames end in "St"

ZazH: so

ZazH: you cannot join a student group

ZazH: as a TI user

ZazH: BUT

ZazH: the teacher may invite you to join the group

ZazH: hmmm, I don't have a group so I can't demonstrate this

ZazH: but it works just as any other group

JeffC: Do you want me to do something?

JeffC: I can go to my group... invite users...

ZazH: how about this

ZazH: if anyone here is interested in joining a group

ZazH: raise your hand

ZazH smiles

SusanR: yes

JimHi hand raised

JenniferDa: sure

ZazH: and if anyone who has a K-12 group would like to help out

KimberlyAS: me too

ZazH: then invite them to join their group

ZazH: so BJ has a group

ZazH: and Patti

ZazH: and Jim

JeffC: OK... I'll invite Susan and **JimHi**

ZazH: and Jeff

JeffC left the room.

JimHi left the room.

ZazH: so people who want to be invited, hassle one of those folks

ZazH: in the meantime

BretB left the room.

ZazH: being invited works as any other private group

ZazH: you accept your invitation and then you are a member

AmyLD: I would like to be invited

ZazH: once you are a member of student group

ZazH: okay Amy

ZazH: try PM'ing Jeff or Jim

JimHi joined the room.

ZazH: once you are a member

ZazH: you can email and see information for the students in that group

ZazH: you can enter the group room

SusanR left the room.

ZazH: and they can see information for you and e-mail you

JeffC joined the room.

JeffC: I invited Susan and Jim

ZazH: just to reiterate, everyone should join the K-12 Student group if you haven't and are interested in this

ZazH: I'll stick around in this room for anymore questions

JeffC: Unfortunately... there's no way to do a mass invite... only one user at a time.

ZazH: and you can explore Jeff and Jim's groups if you've been a member

ZazH: yeah I know Jeff

BretB joined the room.

ZazH: is there anything else anyone wants to ask?

JimHi: Zaz...I have a student workshop on Cloning the 19th would love to have you join in

JimHi: Jeff anyone

ZazH: okay

JeffC: ?

ZazH: do you mean join your group, Jim?

ZazH: so Amy, Kimberly, any questions?

ZazH: did anyone invite?

ZazH: you?

JimHi: If you'd like

JimHi off to tech in classroom

SusanR joined the room.

JimHi left the room.

JeffC left the room.

KimberlyAS: No thank you for being so patient and descriptive

AmyLD: Thanks for all of your help

ZazH: no problem

ZazH: you ladies can create a K-12 group if you like, it's pretty easy

SusanR: Thanks for the tour, Zaz! Amazing!

ZazH: and you can always e-mail me with questions or suggestions

ZazH: I basically implemented all of student accounts (Patti did chat) so I know it inside and out

ZazH: wow, doing an ASO is so fun

ZazH: I should do it more often

ZazH: so Bret did you have any security concerns?

JenniferDa: ok sounds good thanks for the info

BretB left the room.

ZazH: guess not

ZazH: I'll hang out here for a few minutes if anyone thinks of anything

SusanR left the room.

ZazH: oh

ZazH: one thing I forgot to mention

ZazH: is that when a student logs out

ZazH: their transcript gets sent to the teacher

ZazH left the room (signed off).