PLC Minutes

November 12, 2014

Room 36

Treats: Lori – thanks!

PLC Members: P. Kvien, K. Shanenko, K. Roelfsema, M. Olds, S. Cummings, K. Horner, S. Lerud, A. Johnson, L. Justesen, C. Kuehn

Members Absent:

1. Minneapolis PLC Conference – S. Cummings & P. Kvien will both go!
2. Office 365 Roll-out (hooray!) – S. Lerud

S. Lerud said Office365 will be shown to staff at one of six offered in-services in early December. Following the staff rollout, the English department agreed to use class time to introduce Office365 to all students 7-12. S. Lerud will be available to help with these student sessions.

1. Grammarly.com demo – K. Horner

K. Horner showed grammar.com, an online proofreading and plagiarism checker that she obtained technology funding for from B. Kriewald. It has an annual subscription rate of around $200. It is much like a spell checker, but more advanced, and able to find copied text. She provided a handout with information to each English teacher. The school owns just one license under Kathleen’s name. Only one person at a time can be logged in, checking a paper. K. Horner plans to share the login with students and have them, on their own time, run papers through this online service.

Login: Kathleen.horner@sendit.nodak.edu

Password: vchs

This online login will be available to all VCHS instructors, across disciplines, to use as they wish. Thank you, Kathleen, for your extra work on this!

1. Continue curriculum alignment 7-12

We began this work last year and have this document shared as a Google doc. We finished the writing strand today, which aligns our research projects and also lists additional genres of writing that are required each year. We will continue with listening and speaking at a future meeting.

1. **Share completed rubrics for three textbook samples at our next meeting on Dec. 3**
2. Ongoing throughout year in grades 8, 11: SmarterBalanced test prep

**Meetings Remaining** (Treat Person) *:* **December 3** (Peggy), **January 28** (Sheila), **March 11** (Kathleen), **April 22** (Sarah), **& May 13 (**Misty)