



Promoting New Visions of Teaching & Learning

The MassCUE Spring retreat was held at the Willits Conference Center on the grounds of Mount Holyoke. The Board, SIG Leaders and the Professional Development Committee members were invited and we had a total of 28 attending. Board members in attendance were Linda Allen, Lorelle Alessio, Deborah Donohue, Ellen Driscoll, Wendy Haskell, Priscilla Kotyk, Romeo Marquis, Walter McKenzie, Beverly Reber, Gaby Richard-Harrington, Linda Colvin, and Ragen Tiliakos

Absent: Casey Giordani, Michael Purdy, Steve Lamarche.

Alan November spoke to the group on Friday night and gave an invigorating though provoking concept of a MassCUE and the future:

The real revolution is information

We are the conduit, broker between schools and the world

Make timeline for making it happen – at least three years

What is the problem?

1. Lack of critical thinking in students
2. Solely lacking in thinking globally, especially online
3. Lack of base content
4. Lack of communication skills

Strategic Partners

1. David Burmeister – robotics – MIT
2. David Trilley – ThinkQuest – Oracle
3. Megan Stewart (Lisa) – Adobe
4. Deval Patrick – Overseas Development staffer

Advisory Board

1. Chancellor/Dean of public higher ed institution
2. Executive director of state tech council
3. One of the global professors
4. High government official
5. CEO from large state company (EMC, Raytheon, Genzyme)
6. Rep from telecommunications
7. Kennedy/Kerry chief of staffs
- a. connect with staffers in charge of education

Globalization Committee

1. Contact multinational companies to support teachers visiting other countries
2. At conference Skype-ing with teachers from around the world
3. Record high quality podcasts
4. Blog archiving podcasts

Scholarships

1. Send educator to China annually (team)

Conference Panel

1. Teachers who have worked/been overseas
2. Kids presenting

Woods Hole/Cape – Annual summer teacher institute

1. No mention of technology
2. A dozen different institutes across the state

Recruit minorities – tap into large city school systems

Start holding some PD events in Boston with BPS as a partner

New school design SIG – Bob Pearlman, Mitch Resnick

Saturday provided a workshop on Moodle and Conflict Management lead by Romeo Marquis. The group then brainstormed on future Professional Development opportunities for the board, SIG's and members. Many of Alan's suggestions were taken into consideration in this discussion.

The question discussed was: "In light of our discussion last night as well as our Good to Great readings, what are our goals over the next year? What steps do we need to take to accomplish this goal?"

What is in a name?

Communities United for Education (CUE)

Perhaps a Tag line under Logo?

Learning, skills, thinking, global, communities, new school design
Empowering learners, learning communities

MassCued – Massachusetts critical understanding for educational design

GCued – Global critical understanding for educational design

Do we need Mass? What about global presence?

Revisit this after all have time to think.

How do we connect globally?

Outreach committee

Repository for global contacts that we can all access and share (Moodle?)

Present virtually (Skype, Breeze)

PD over the next year

Internships, opportunities made available

MassCUE should be mentors.....membership must see presence, we must make that presence felt.