

Science PLC meeting:

Wednesday September 28th

Topics covered:

1. Review last spring
 - a. Norms decided on –
 - i. passed information to new members
 - b. Scientific Method –
 - i. Discussed essential vocabulary, processes and method of instruction as well as assessments at each grade level (see last years notes)
2. Technology –
 - a. Grants available – Each grade will come up with a needs assessment and plans for requests before next PLC meeting
 - b. New teacher computers – printer issues; dept cover
 - c. Technology club – kids create pod casts (dissection club going very well as is the other Science club. Lots of interest =))
 - d. New mobile laptop cart – log sheets, upkeep, sign up procedures
3. Measurement Cart –
 - a. Hasquet donated another cart.
 - b. Triple beam balances will be shared amongst the dept
 - c. All glassware will remain in teacher rooms
4. Pencil machine
 - a. Proceed use still yet to be determined
 - b. Machine will remain in Lutgen's room
5. New evaluation system
 - a. Discussed the 4 domains
 - i. Mass emails to parents
 - ii. Possible scanner for department use for records
 - iii. Discussed importance of documentation of EVERYTHING
6. Science portfolios
 - a. We discussed the possibility of creating portfolios of student work that would follow them from grade to grade
 - b. Using the scanner is a possibility, also discussed only doing this for the Scientific Method. More to discuss in later meetings
7. Physical Science progression next meeting
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