

Ako Nga Kura: Cluster meeting 4 April 2008

Present

Clevedon

Marilyn Way
Sue McIntosh
Scott Cooper
Caroline Walsh

Hunua

Heather Frost
Fran McFall

Ardmore

Shirley Stannanought
Erin George

Bairds

Kim Benjamin
Fee McAree

Orere

Pamela Banks

Key Points

- Marilyn welcomed everyone back
- Feedback from L@S 2008

Pamela

(e-mail notes through)

Best conference, permission to continue down track started (new curriculum, community needs etc)
e-portfolio - BBI

Erin

Ppt *(email copy)*

Used Jamie McKenzie work on processes v product in class
'Pages' handout – use to cut out photos and layout pages (Mac programme)

David Anderson discussion process – think, pair, share, 4s

Heather

Julia Atkin – explains at an understandable level but includes high level lang

Karen Boyes – great ideas for staff

Ideas and themes link together

Fran

Only one session no good

Sessions linked

Bairds

Sent 1 jnr, 1 middle, 1 snr school teacher

Focus was smartboards – enthused them and they are leading

Welcome to visit

John Kent is doing PD on interactive w/b and linking enquiry model

Mimio – can rent to buy through Watermans

Marilyn

Spa complex was great

Bonding time for staff was great

Best conference

Message to involve students in own learning more

Highlight – Jeremy Kedian, permission to take the lead, we are the professionals, parents and BOTs don't really know

Karen and Julia as good as ever esp Julia-unpacking subject areas

Mary Chamberlin – MOE, visionary, transcript on Centre 4 "Learning's the Thing" (will put on wiki)

Sue

Importance of choosing carefully and early

Key theme – direction of education, all themes linked

Team building/bonding opportunity good esp

Scott

All of the above!

Good to travel together

Met 'old friends' – edtech, musac people etc

Keynotes excellent

Mary Chamberlin – focus for key comps

Marvin – great software, but the follow up/support since has been poor

- Action plans presented
Digital copies will be on wikispace
Each school – highlight what your school is doing to achieve cluster goals and what support do you need?

Bairds

50% staff turnover, only 1 senior manager from last year has set Bairds back

Half staff are using learning pathways approach

Revised last years plan to bring everyone up-to-date – TODs couldn't be used for learning pathways, need to get everything started first

Letting go of closed topics is hard

Using smartboards

ICT suite – 28 computers, will be changed soon to ICT area with cameras etc

Paul (acting Principal) staying for T2

Sticking to vision!

Facilitator tbc

Hunua

Jaquie Sharp facilitating – using her more

Aim to integrate ICT into LP model - looked at where we are on continuum for ICT uptake in school

Aligning curriculum and planning – making it schoolwide

Aiming to look at assessment and involving kids in planning

Staff more on board this year

Setting on website

Ardmore

Consolidation year

Bringing everything together to go forward – LP, ICT, draft curriculum

Need stability

Setting up ICT suite

Need to organise website

Judy Bentley great for whiteboard training – may need to try and organise a deal with her

Mimio more flexible – portability

One on one is best

Websites

Need to keep it updated

Need someone to 'drive' it

Spike not easy to maintain

Ultraset working well, but will upgrade to v2

Get what you pay for

Need to post quality information

Orere

Knowledge v values

Need to integrate ICT fully into curriculum

Developing rubrics

Beginning to develop use of multiple intelligences (*put MI stuff from centre4 onto wiki*)

Using cameras to support presentations, record progressions

Developing toolkit for school

Building multi-purpose room

Looking at e-portfolios

Developing website with student input

Heather and Pamela liaising re Jacqui helping facilitate at Orere

Clevedon

Consolidating learning pathways process, ICT integration

Introducing Habits of Mind

Increasing student voice – senior responsibility for unpacking HOM and key comps

Explicit teaching of thinking

Sue West also working with teams to develop appropriate ICT solutions for specific year groups – staff mentor each other to develop these ideas

Spending on ICT – 3 year plan for growing laptop pod and putting mimios/data projectors in all rooms, new hardware in suite is up and running, old computers are being deployed to other classrooms, 1 room is being developed as an e-classroom as a trial/model with extra computers and mimio etc

2 Sue West days – Orere and Hunua need to work out how this is used

- How will we collect and show progress against cluster goals?

Individual schools need to report as well as cluster – plans on same format will help

Not just quantitative data...

Evidence base and student work

Student work on wiki

Students presenting at term 3 meeting

Visit schools

Embed cluster direction in our schools

We want a balance of qualitative and quantitative data – we need to promote this and be responsive to each others communications

- Caroline Walsh – showed cluster wikispace

Can't layer pages but wiki will be easy to use!

Notes provided

- **DATES**

All dates are on wiki in 'Future Events' area

James Nottingham numbers

Ardmore: 4

Hunua: 4 or 5

Orere: 1 or 2

Bairds: 8 - 10

Clevedon: lots!

Next meeting: will confirm numbers/details/cluster subsidies etc for ULearn

Hunua/Orere – get back to Marilyn re use of Sue West days

- **Round up**

Touring other schools

Clevedon going to Kapiti Coast – some good full primary schools to look at

Other schools may connect with whichever schools may be appropriate – give it some thought – cluster will assist with costs

Baverstock Oaks – Ultramet2