

## District Professional Development Overview 2011-2012 School Year

To maximize the teaching and learning at our high school, ongoing professional development and the creation of a professional learning community for staff and students is paramount. The following is an overview of our plan to engage our staff in this continuous learning environment:

- September / October – Staff receive MacBooks and iPads and receive 1 1/2 days training on OSX/ iLife and a 1/2 day training on iPad learning devices and how to use their MacBooks. The staff comprises approximately 150 certificated teachers.

Training Dates (By department 20 per session)- September 1-2, September 15-16, September 20-21, September 22-23, September 26-27, October 3-4, October 5-6, October 11-12, October 13-14, October 17-18

- Reach out to staff members at the high school and identify 20 vanguard teachers. Vanguard teachers are a group of teachers leading the way in new developments or ideas. These teachers will be engaged in four two day professional development sessions on the topics of creating and sharing content, ePublications, challenged based learning, and the development of other advanced skills such as using Wikis in the classroom. The goal of this training is to build internal capacity in so much as these teachers will become district trainers for the rest of the building in the 2012-2013 school year and beyond. They will be an internal support mechanism for the rest of the building.

Training Dates – November, December, January, February, March, April

- We have another set of trainings for all staff members (1 or 2 day to be determined) and once the students receive the iPads we will construct our professional development based on their needs using our site consultant to manage this portion of the project. This is accomplished because our professional developer has been assigned to the site as the overseer of the project so he can gauge our own needs.

This professional development session comes under the heading of **Teachers Authoring Content** for the student's iPad learning devices and Designing Curricula. From our initial training, we know there is a big interest from teachers to create *iBooks* for their classroom using *Pages* and the *ePub* export feature. This training will be a 1 - day offering that will be implemented as soon as possible. There is also an interest in some teachers knowing about *iMovie* (on the Mac and and how they can incorporate this tool into their lessons.

- There is a leadership training planned for our administrators, supervisors, and department coordinators that will focus on different aspects of leading, supporting, and maintaining the implementation of this learning initiative. The overview includes but is not limited to:

Participants exploring new tools for communicating their technology plans. Participants will identify stakeholders, their issues, and the best ways to communicate with and engage them. They will learn how to use technologies such as *iLife* and *iWork*, and collaboration tools such as wikis and blogs, to create and maintain a dialogue with those stakeholders. Workshop participants will learn how to use the iPad learning device and apps such as *iMovie*, *Pages*, *Keynote*, and *Numbers* to create assessments to evaluate the efficacy of their iPad learning implementation plan.

Please visit our iWeb site on this learning initiative at:

[http://monroenj.schoolwires.com/monroenj/lib/monroenj/\\_shared/Monroe/Our\\_Purpose.html](http://monroenj.schoolwires.com/monroenj/lib/monroenj/_shared/Monroe/Our_Purpose.html)

