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**JeffC:** Welcome everybody

**MattSo:** Thanks

**JeffC:** Matt and Stephanie, you're both pre-service teachers?

**StephenieH:** yes, UH math 4-8

**MattSo:** Not quite sure what "pre-service" is...sorry

**BJB2:** student teacher

**JeffC:** This group is hanging by a thread... since for the past few months virtually no administrators have shown up! Pre-service= working on your credential.

**MattSo:** Thanks, yes

**BJB2:** Matt and Stephenie are the future, Jeff!

**StephenieH:** thanks

**JeffC:** I think that the lack of attendance has something to do with the fact that administrators suffer from "meetingitis"... they're in meetings all the time... and therefore don't make time for "extra-curricular" meetings like this.

**BJB2:** light a fire with your enthusiasm about collaborative education

**JeffC:** I planned on sharing some of the resources I have for K-12 educators anyways... so... this is for you two!

**StephenieH:** cool

**MattSo:** sounds good

**BJB2:** . o O ( I'd put on my cheerleading skirt, but you don't want to see that! )

**JeffC:** BTW... I'm multitasking... giving two of my kids a bath and making dinner at the same time...

**BJB2:** laughs...I'm impressed!

**MattSo:** that's the beauty of the Internet

**JeffC:** Sooooo... I'd like to start with both of you taking a look at an article I wrote (BJ has already read it) at <http://snurl.com/netc1> ... click on the link and I'll be back to you in a couple minutes.

**StephenieH:** ok

**StephenieH:** I think my computer most have a funny bug in it since the article is hard to read b/c there is no space between the lines and the lines are overlapping in some areas

**BJB2:** it might be your browser, Stephenie

**JeffC:** is back... that's weird Stephanie, what browser are you using? Try refreshing it.

**StephenieH:** I will have to look at it from school tomorrow

**JeffC:** nods

**SusanR:** joined the room.

**JeffC:** Basically... the article gives a number of links for K-12 educators (and admins) to consider in bringing best practice to the classroom.

**StephenieH:** sorry that did not work

**SusanR:** what's that article, Jeff

**JeffC:** I'm of the opinion that tech is vastly underutilized in the classroom for several reasons... lack of support... and that tech plans although noble, don't really address the paranoia that acts as foundation for Internet usage. For example, most districts ban all chat, and most email for students. This is appalling to me. The article is entitled "Building 21st Century Collaborative Learning Communities" Susan...

<http://snurl.com/netc1>

**JeffC:** I think that educators are also so wrapped up with NCLB mandates that they miss out on truly transforming curriculum through technology.

**StephenieH:** how can we do that?

**MattSo:** Good article Jeff

**SusanR:** Thanks, Jeff

**JeffC:** Gotta get dinner on... I'll be back in three minutes... please post questions/comments, etc. in the meantime.

**StephenieH:** bj, the chat last night on national cert. well I went to school today and ask the teachers I work with ( I am a permanent sub in a HS) and most did not know what I was talking about, but one did and they were not as excited as our conversation last night

**MattSo:** I am in the application process for the Educational Technology program at San Diego State. I agree with many of the points you made about the use of technology in the classroom. It is one of the reasons I am trying to get into the field

**StephenieH:** Matt, what subject do you want to teach or do you want to teach technology

**JeffC:** back

**MattSo:** As a student, I feel that the use of technology allows me to be creative. With the use of PowerPoint a simple oral presentation turns exciting

**MattSo:** I don't know exactly how I want to use it.

**JeffC:** good luck Matt... but my jaded feeling is that you will have a tough go at truly reforming tech and education in any district.

**StephenieH:** how can I incorp technology in to my math class

**MattSo:** I work in college basketball right now and would love to move up the ranks in either college or the pro's and I think EDTEC can help me in both.

**JeffC:** There are programs for basketball... that design plays... ever try them?

**MattSo:** No, never tried them

**MattSo:** I use EDTEC right now as we scout opponents

**JeffC:** You can lay out drills, design plays... I don't remember the name of them though... but a google search should scout them out.

**StephenieH:** Matt, what is EDTEC

**MattSo:** Educational technology

**StephenieH:** what about using EDTEC in math

**JeffC:** Here's one for \$30: <http://www.wheelbarrowsoftware.com/bpd.htm>

**MattSo:** When I say use EDTEC, I mean using technology to present material for retention. I will show our team material in a way (I HOPE) that they will remember come game time

**StephenieH:** do you not think that could work for teaching math to our students

**MattSo:** Jeff is the expert, I would think that there are a lot of ways to design projects that use math, as for teaching, I don't know?

**JeffC:** I facilitate a Math Resources group that meets on the first Tuesday of the month here.

**StephnieH:** cool, that will be next week?

**JeffC:** If you: 1) Click the "Search" tab 2) Click the "Groups" subtab 3) type: math resources ...click Find It! 4) Click the link to the group and join the group... you can go to the group room and get archives (they are also here in ASO).

**JeffC:** Yes Stephanie, next week.;

**StephnieH:** thank you

**JeffC:** With all these resources... you think admins (and educators) would be flocking... but they pretty much stay away.

**StephnieH:** with a crazy work day and a family at home, it is amazing that we and they have time to even know our names.

**JeffC:** Most educators fear tech... fear of the unknown... and admins tend to be older and (major generalization here)... stay away even more.

**MattSo:** I think it's just like all aspects of life, it's always the people on the bottom that have the energy and excitement while the people on the top have the "been there, done that" attitude

**StephnieH:** how do other find out about Tapped In , I found out through school

**JeffC:** Good point Matt

**MattSo:** I watch basketball all day long, while my boss who gets paid 20 times what I make, doesn't

**MattSo:** not to say he doesn't care, but he has other things he has to do

**JeffC:** Fork out the \$34 for the software Matt... show it to him.

**JeffC:** <http://www.wheelbarrowsoftware.com/bpd.htm>

**MattSo:** Do you get a cut?

**JeffC:** Hard to get new tricks in there... I wish I made a cut... no... just searched Google and found it.

**MattSo:** ha, ha

**StephnieH:** I think I am going to go to archive and find some old transcripts thanks for the info

**JeffC:** No problem Stephanie.

**MattSo:** Ya it was nice meeting with you both.

**JeffC:** I have to leave soon for rehearsal (doing Wizard of Oz... we open Friday). Any other questions or comments?

**StephnieH** left the room (signed off).

**BJB2:** thanks for being here for the discussion, Jeff

**MattSo:** If you ever see San Diego State on TV, I am the guy with bags under my eyes from watching film and my boss is the one wide awake because he got a good nights sleep the night before

**MattSo:** thanks for the info!