

**Ohio Social Studies Supervisors Meeting
Meeting Minutes December 2008**

10:00-11:30

Combined ELA and Social Studies Supervisors

Topic A: Front-loading through children's literature

Pat Clayton, Summit County ESC

- Pat demonstrated how teachers can preview or front-load a lesson that enables them to build background knowledge and perspective on the upcoming learning.
- Pat took the group through various activities showing how text can be used to front-load understanding.
- Discussion of using literature and non-fiction literature to build understanding as well as engagement!

Topic B: Performance based assessments

Corbin Moore, Hamilton City Schools

- Discussed differences between performance based assessments and other types of assessments
- Updated group on current status of performance based assessment project/program
- Examples of performance based assessments in social studies (i.e., DBQs)
- Confirmation that ODE SS will start work on SS performance based assessment at some point within the next year.

Topic C: 21st Century Skills

- Introduction to information literacy (to be continued...)

Session I

Ohio Council on Economic Education

<http://www.ocee.org/index.htm>

Abbejean Kehler discussed updates including:

- National Council of Economic Education will be called the Council for Economic Education (July, 2009)
- Econ Ed Link should be promoted, in particular data link which gives national data (less than 30 days old), very useful data!
- Federal Reserve (St. Louis), has wonderful new materials
- Update on Financial Literacy component of the Ohio Core. Gave out a FAQ from ODE
- Shared data that says doing a stock market activity is research proven to improve scores

Ohio Center for Law Related Education

<http://www.ocltre.org/>

Jared Reitz updated group on Mock Trial and other activities. Special Note that We the People Level III book has been updated as well as updates with Project Citizen. Details can be found on website and the OCSS Winter newsletter.

Ohio Historical Society

<http://www.ohiohistory.org/>

Megan Wood

Updated group on History Day, and Norman Rockwell Exhibit. Details can be found on website or OCSS Winter newsletter.

Becki Trivison updated the group on the *Congressional Academy for Students of American History and Civics*.

INFO OHIO

Cynthia Duschane

shared information regarding:

Video on Info Ohio (thousands of videos) Core Collection button (button for the digital video collection, after that you can search from there). Massive collection

World Book Encyclopedia is new to INFO OHIO (Very cool)

Session II

Virginia Moore updated the group on the OAT and OGT. Virginia was asked to share with the group ideas regarding any trend data that can be seen.

Virginia and Bill Muthig put together selected Benchmarks that students have had difficulty with. In addition they provided general observations regarding the tests.

Discussion was lively and constructive as supervisors discussed issues that students struggled with. Session concluded with sharing of strategies to help students understand benchmarks better.

We are thankful for ODE providing this data. It should be noted that the granular discussions of item analysis are also of extreme importance, however this was an attempt to look more broader at the issues facing teaching and learning in regards to the test (types of items that students have difficulty with, specific benchmarks that students struggle with). One follow up idea was to have the group provide (in the future) some teaching strategies to help students perform better regarding these issues.

Session III

Used as a planning session to provide more clarity on how SS Supervisors Network can service supervisors in Ohio.

We only got to the first item on the agenda...

1. Communications

- How can we efficiently communicate with each other and make sure that we are all aware of events, teacher trainings and opportunities without duplicating efforts or creating more work?
 - Two issues
 - Disseminating info in a central way regarding trainings, events and support for teachers. (ex. e-mail chains, web, centralized location, Ohio Signal) If needed, would training need developed (ex. TOT)

- Professional sharing information for supervisors/partner organizations (ex. Web, Share-point account, for everyone on Supervisors group)

Virginia Moore noted that ODE has implemented share point and is willing to have ODE representative, Claire Ho, demonstrate this for SS supervisors at our next meeting, February 20th (NorthGate, 10:00-2:00)

From 10:00 to 12:00, Claire will demonstrate what SharePoint is capable of doing as well as basic log on and navigation skills for the software.

From 12:00-2:00 the agenda will continue on discussing:

- Improving communication among Ohio's SS supervisors.
- Continuing our efforts to provide resources and In-service for Ohio SS supervisors.
- Developing professional relationships between Ohio SS supervisors and partner organizations committed to social studies education.