



# **NADTDEC Fall Meeting 2010**



# Teacher Bulletin

- [www.teacherbulletin.org](http://www.teacherbulletin.org) is now ready and was demonstrated by Martha Ban, editor. This is volume 10 of the Atlantic Union Teacher Bulletin.
- Each unit contains the following: webquest, 2+ video clips, powerpoints, podcasting activity and more
- Early Childhood material is new this year.
- Material from the Australian White Estate and the Research Center is also featured.

# ASM

- Voted for NADDOE to investigate the need and current usage of ASM for small schools.
- It will need to have a software upgrade to work with Vista or Windows 7.
- Also needed is a standard chart of accounts.
- TDEC recommends that the actual usage and upgrade costs be investigated before making a decision.

# Mahara

- Mahara is an open source e-portfolio system with a flexible display framework. Mahara, meaning 'think' or 'thought' in [Te Reo Māori](#), is user centered environment with a permissions framework that enables different views of an e-portfolio to be easily managed. Mahara also features a weblog, resume builder and social networking system, connecting users and creating online learner communities.
- Demonstrated by TDEC Staff



Open source eportfolios  
*(mah-hah-rah;verb): to think, thinking, thought*

# khanacademy

- [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) is a large (1800+) variety of short video clips on all sorts of high school academic topics to about 70,000 students a day. Also posted on YouTube.
- Created by Salman Khan and posted on YouTube. The Khan Academy is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) with the mission of providing a world-class education to anyone, anywhere.
- Griggs plans to use these in their online delivery



# NAD login security



- TDEC voted for NADDOE to explore tightening security for NAD user logins and studying for logistics and costs involved. (Educator toolbox, Student ID management, etc.)

# ADOBE CONNECT PRO

- Adobe Connect Pro demonstrated:
- Allows for multiple webcams
- Shared whiteboards, Polls & more
- Limited to 100 people
- NADOE has purchased 5 licenses
- Good product within its limitations





# Adobe Connect Pro with CLARIX

- Very Similar to previous product
- Whiteboard over video is possible
- Also has Iphone app
- It is possible to make a Captivate interactive session live
- Content should be loaded before meeting however to avoid streaming issues.
- Biggest limitation is that the license structure forces each license to a specific person so a school cannot have a shared license for the school.



# Griggs University

- For more than a century Griggs University (formerly known as Home Study International) has provided distance education to the young people of the Church.
- During this time many changes have occurred but the Mission has remained the same.
- In order to meet the future needs of a global church, the ownership has been transferred to Andrews University, effective November 21, 2010. Startup costs are \$400,000 but have resources totaling \$800,000.
- Physical relocation will take place in 2011.
- Dr. Alayne Thorpe will serve as interim President.
- The transfer will allow for expanded course offerings as well as providing a firmer ground for the school and its students. Andrews will transfer all their distance ed. classes to this "School of Distance Education"
- All existing contracts will be honored.
- Six new public schools are being started in China with potential for 200 total. Values classes will be taught
- High School Dual Credit is becoming more attractive than AP courses. Griggs plans on capitalizing on this



# GotoMeeting

- They are releasing an update that will accomodate up to 6 HD webcams



# STI (formerly Hunter)

- Larry Blackmer & Martha Ban meet every two weeks with STI regarding service and update progress.
- 370 Small School Minder, 116 Big School Minder, 40 iNow which totals 525 SDA Schools or 55% of our market and 7,000 public schools
- STI merger brought more resources, more domain, subject knowledge, with additional modules we didn't have before,
- Big School Minder will NOT do data rollup. They will need to switch to iNow for that.
- Tech Response time has improved significantly. Now 42% of problems handled within an hour, another 25% handled within 1-8 hours, 8-24 hours is 10%, 25-72 hours is 14% and 10% taking longer than 72 hours
- New revision will include detailed missing reports, late enrollment, early withdrawal, new skill scales, Key Learnings Language Arts, and student transfer
- There is now a SDA advisory group that meets with developers at the national convention. The cost is \$400 for registration but SDA advisory group is free.
- Alan Chase just attended the iNow meetings from our union. Alan will give a report



# Clarity

- The COGNOS data rollup will be called CLARITY. Conference and school will only be able to READ access from database. Third party vendors and schools will still have the option to upload data to CLARITY.
- STI will generate the first generation of reports. The eAdventist team will be then become responsible to develop all other reports in the future.
- Renweb miscommunicated to their advisory committee that the data rollup was on indefinite hold. Larry Blackmer called Mark (Renweb) directly and assured him that data rollup should be occurring now.



# AASI Finance Software

- AASI (Brazilian) Software now has the student module.
- They are being required by NADOE that they create an interface that syncs some data with STI for billing etc.
- They also need to create a standard chart of accounts.

# Teacher Convention Update

- Alan November has agreed to speak at the Teachers' Convention in 2012
- Epson will be asked to bring 50 video projectors and pre-sell them to be taken back to schools after the convention.
- Other highlights include: Online registration for teachers and exhibitors, Online submission for teacher presentations via website
- Multiple interactive classrooms in the exhibit hall
- Hunter/STI -10 hour day inservices and hands-on training
- App is being developed for convention news, announcements, schedule, etc.
- Looking into using [www.polleverywhere.com](http://www.polleverywhere.com) as a potential for polling during convention

# TDEC Webinars Remaining

- Nov - Gateway Security
- Jan - Corel
- Feb - Visual Thesaurus
- March - Discovery Ed.
- April – AdventistSchoolConnect
- May - Blogs/Wikis

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# Kendall Hunt Flourish portal

- Joe Haverland from Kendall Hunt met with us and shared their [www.flourish.com](http://www.flourish.com) portal. “It is a rich interactive digital product delivering a rewarding learning experience to students and teachers”
- Looks somewhat like a book but is interactive.
- There is a teacher page which includes: calendar, lesson plans, assessment, news, discussion forum, professional development. It is highly customizable.
- TDEC and Griggs are looking for a platform that can distribute content. Kendall Hunt only utilizes their textbooks and has other shortcomings which makes it NOT a viable option.



# Registrars' Software

- This is a web-based product which will be accessible by all SDA teachers
- March 2011 - Union Registrars will come in for a beta view
- August 2011 - Targeted implementation date

# TDEC Grants

- Voted to use TDEC grant monies to sponsor a portal on the [www.innovation.ed.gov/challenges/cat/all](http://www.innovation.ed.gov/challenges/cat/all) website.
- TDEC would get all the submission ideas and someone would get \$1,000 for the prize. There would be one prize for public and one for SDA schools.



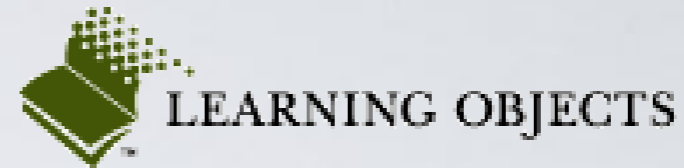
# Microsoft Lifecam

- TDEC reviewed a 1080p HD Lifecam that functions very well as an audience, document, and super-closeup webcam.
- Price is less than \$89.



# LEARNING OBJECTS

- [www.learningobjects.com](http://www.learningobjects.com)



- Learning Objects is a social learning platform that integrates social media tools such as wikis, blogs, and podcasts into any e-learning environment.
- Transforms learning into a dynamic experience. Learners become contributors, not passive recipients of information. Whether participating in a blog site, collaborating on a wiki assignment, or commenting on a podcast, users are actively engaged.
- Also being looked at by Griggs for their use.



# Captivate

- TDEC is ordering Martha Ban a copy of Adobe Captivate 5 to help in organizing content for TDEC including the writing of tutorials.

