NASA Global Climate Change Education at Georgia State

Professional Learning Community

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ACHIEVEMENTS

- Formulated a sustainable PLC which meets monthly.
- Provided funding for 3 PLC teachers to attend the NASA/ICEE workshop in Boulder, Colorado during June, 2010 which created the basis of our PLC.
- Established a relationship with LifeLines of UC Berkeley, a sister GCCE project.
- Identified a LifeLines Leader, Patti Cook to represent the GSU PLC within the LifeLines partnership.







Goals & Objectives

• Goal

To formulate a thriving Professional Learning Community that is self-sustaining while providing it's members with opportunities to become LifeLong Learners and advocates for Climate Change Education.

- Objectives
 - Present at the GSTA 2012 Conference Present Climate Change lesson plans for high school classes which include GPS correlations and can be used in many courses. (possible DVD of the lesson plans to hand out)
 - ≻To have an active membership of 10 teachers before the start of the 2011-2012 school year.
 - ≻For each teacher/educator to upload their CCE unit lesson to the LifeLines website by August 2011.
 - To actively participate and review the available resources and reference materials located on the LifeLines website.
 - ≻Complete the LifeLines web surveys.







CHALLENGES

- Devising a recruitment strategy which targets local science teachers to the PLC.
- Provide healthy incentives to attract members to PLC.
- How to carry momentum throughout slow summer months.







CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

- Create attractive recruitment flyer to distribute to county science coordinators.
- Research national summer professional development institutes/programs to offer as an incentive for new members to join and become active members.
- Develop plan which strategically addresses objectives to ensure work is completed over the summer. Delegate tasks to members.
- Plan a late summer/fall (one day) Climate Change (speaker /workshop) for secondary teachers to create a larger pool of teachers for the PLC.







KEY MILESTONES

- Funded the participation of Patti Cook at the 2011 National Science Teachers Foundation conference in San Francisco, March 9-13.
- Recruited 2 new teachers to PLC. Goal is to have 7 members by August 2011.







LEGACY

- Build a sustaining PLC which promotes Climate Change Education in metro-Atlanta.
- Provide on-going Professional Development opportunities to PLC members.
- Create a pool of secondary students interested in Climate Change and willing to make a difference(possible scholarship or service award program???)



