



2008 Teaching and Learning Developer Camp
Northwest Evaluation Association
September 25-26, 2008

Thursday, September 25, 2008	
7:00-8:00	<i>Breakfast</i>
8:00-9:00	<i>Teaching and Learning Joint Conversations – Where are We Headed?</i>
9:00-10:00	<i>Teaching and Learning Joint Conversations – SIF Zone Services</i>
10:00-10:15	<i>Break</i>
10:15-11:15	<i>Teaching and Learning Joint Conversations – Web Services</i>
11:15-12:15	<i>Teaching and Learning Joint Conversations – SIF Metadata</i>
12:15-1:00	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00-2:00	<i>New Developer Camp - Mapping Data Models</i>
2:00-2:30	<i>New Developer Camp – Fundamentals of SIF Objects</i>
2:30-3:30	<i>New Developer Camp – Fundamentals of Agents</i>
3:30-3:45	<i>Break</i>
3:45-4:45	<i>New Developer Camp – Concept of a Zone</i>
5:00-6:00	<i>Reception</i>
6:30	<i>Dinner</i>

Session Descriptions

Teaching and Learning Joint Conversations

Where are We Headed? – Michael Jay, Educational Systemics, and Jill Abbott, SIF Association

The time for this remaining session will focus on what direction we want to set out on in the next year around teaching and learning for SIF. Updates on current pilots will be provided as well as discussion on future work that these teaching and learning work groups would like to conduct.

SIF Zone Services – Andy Elmhorst, Edustructures

As SIF continues to expand upon the capabilities of the infrastructure and architecture, this time will provide an overview of SIF Zone Services and garner input into the future direction.

Web Services – Laurie Collins, SIF Association

In addition to developing Zone Services, SIF is expanding the current Web Services Specification. Time will be spent working on the direction and providing updates.

SIF Metadata – Jason Wrage, Integrity Technology Solutions

Several objects for SIF Metadata exist. This time will be spent looking at EducationFilter and other metadata from a Zone perspective.

New Developer Camp

The time focused for the new developer camp will be a combination of presentations and discussion around the SIF Implementation Specification and SIF implementations in general. While there is an outlined agenda for each time, the goal is to have your questions answered around these topics.

Mapping Data Models – Vince Paredes, SIF Association

This time will be dedicated to understanding how your data model can be mapped to the SIF Data Model from the SIF Implementation Specification.

Fundamentals of SIF Objects – Mark Reichert, CPSI

This session focuses on SIF objects, including RefIDs, code sets, attributes and characteristics. In addition, time will be dedicated on how the SIF Objects are developed.

Fundamentals of Agents – Ignacio Ybarra, Mizuni

As all SIF Implementations require an agent application pairing, we will discuss the fundamentals of agents, object dependencies, push/pull dynamics and the use of extended elements in agent development.

Concept of a Zone – Mark Ward, SIF Association

The SIF Implementation Specification defines not only the data model, but the infrastructure and architecture of the transportation of the data objects. This time will be dedicated to the Zone and a Zone Integration Server (ZIS). Topics covered include the constraints, how the ZIS works with the data model and messaging.

Friday, September 26, 2008	
7:30-8:30	<i>Breakfast</i>
8:30-8:45	<i>Columbus Release</i>
8:45-10:15	<i>Individual Teaching and Learning Work Group Meetings – Assessment and Special Programs</i>
10:15-10:30	<i>Break</i>
10:30-12:00	<i>Individual Teaching and Learning Work Group Meetings – Grade Book and Instructional Services</i>
12:00-1:00	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00-2:00	<i>Individual teaching and learning work group meetings</i>
2:00-3:00	<i>Teaching and learning joint conversations and wrap-up</i>

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Columbus Release - Alex Jackl, ESP Solutions Group

This conversation will discuss the work being done for the Columbus Release, the purpose and what potential work each of the teaching and learning work groups may need to focus upon.

Individual Teaching and Learning Work Group Meetings

The time focused for the individual teaching and learning work group meetings is to focus on work that the groups need to focus on. Each group will work on object plans, Columbus Release and/or best practice documents.

- **Assessment – Doug Martinson, NWEA**
- **Special Programs – Elycia Hanson, WSIPC, and Liz Clements, Computer Automation Systems**
- **Grade Book – Bill Duncan, Pearson**
- **Instructional Services – Alex Jackl, ESP Solutions Group and David Longdon, Educational Systemics**

Teaching and Learning Joint Conversations - Jill Abbott, SIF Association

This final time together will be to raise issues and conversations to the entire teaching and learning groups that needs to be discussed. It could be for the need of cross collaborative group work, challenges or possible solutions.