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Initial strategy group activity: extracts from emails

Date: 11th December 2003

From: Do Coyle

To: Elaine Arici, Matthew Nilan, Philip Hood, Tony Fisher

Subject: Interim e-learning group

Dear All.

For the past year a small group acting on behalf of the School of Education's Learning and Teaching Committee has met to consider e-learning developments and strategy. This has comprised Tony (as ICT coordinator) Philip (as Staff development coordinator) and myself (as Chair of Learning and Teaching).

Our aim was to produce a position document with recommendations for presentation and approval to Executive Group and then Learning and Teaching Committee.

It has now been suggested that the group expands slightly to gain a better overview and take forward strategic development in this area. I was wondering therefore if Elaine (Subject Specialist, IT) and Matthew (Learning Technologist) would join us? I suggest that we convene a meeting to start discussions on a modus operandum.

Can I therefore suggest to possible dates: 16th Jan pm, 27th Jan 4pm.

Best wishes, Do

Date: 16th January 2004

From: Do Covle

To: Elaine Arici, Matthew Nilan, Philip Hood, Tony Fisher

Subject: e-learning group meeting

Dear All,

Thanks for attending the meeting this afternoon. It was very useful as a starting point to considering strategic issues in terms of the development of e-learning within the school.

Action as follows:

- 1. Tony to ensure that all members have two sets of documents regarding e-learning in the School and the draft Strategy document for ICT. Any clarifications to Tony prior to next meeting otherwise consider ideas contained in both documents.
- 2. Philip to start to draft an outline for an audit on current/proposed e-learning in the School to circulate just prior to next meeting.

- 3. Do to review School Plan for e-learning strategy to circulate ideas prior to next meeting.
- 4. Elaine to consider an appropriate member of the former SCE to join the group and bring forward suggestions to next meeting.

DONM: 27th January 4pm-5pm B30a (Do's room)

Best wishes, Do

Date: 30th January 2004

From: Do Coyle

To: Elaine Arici, Matthew Nilan, Philip Hood, Jane. Easton, Tony. Fisher

Subject: Re: e-learning meetings

Dear E-Learners,

Following our vibrant meeting on Tuesday I am trying to set up another meeting which as many of us as possible can make, to keep our momentum going.

After a lengthy discussion regarding how we could audit staff's views, attitudes and skills re e-learning we came to an agreement (I think!) that:

- 1. A short audit should be carried out probably sampling a number of staff but where we as individuals would talk to staff rather than use an e-questionnaire. This task would serve the purpose of feeding us information for our visionary statement on e-learning.
- 2. We would continue to work with the university's and school's e-learning strategy but that we as a group should drive forward a vision for our school with particular references to being an 'e-learning enabled' establishment.
- 3. A staff event would be held (June?) to move the vision forwards and share practice etc where possibly a more detailed audit/focus/information gathering etc might take place.

Can I suggest the following times for our next meeting:

4.45 pm Tuesday 3rd Feb, after 11am on Tuesday 10th, after 1pm on Monday 16th. I'd be grateful for speedy returns since I know diaries do fill up very quickly.

Thanks, Do