What is an **EdCamp**?

- One day (usually on a weekend), free, professional development for educators

Where are EdCamps?

- all over



- except SWPA!



I believe City High should host the first EdCamp of SWPA

- We also consider ourselves a place where educators can come and have conversations about best practices so it fits into our school's vision of sharing/learning from one another.
- We have the technology infrastructure
- Our location makes us available to many people in the SWPA region

What we would need from City High

- Access to the school on Saturday
    - using the auditorium, 9th grade wing and 10th grade wing, possibly cafeteria
    - we are told to make plans to accommodate 300 people - I expect 100

When?

- projected date - September/October 2013
    - **October 5** or September 21 or **Columbus day weekend (oct 12)**
        - There is a EdCamp in the works in Cranberry in May, we are worried two a month apart is pushing it
        - We are worried educators will be in “vacation mode” in June
        - We can ride the wave of September new year energy

Costs?

- Engineer/Security/Lights/Heat
- Breakfast and lunch should be provided by sponsors, *not* City High
    - looking for a sponsor for morning breakfast
    - if we cannot find a sponsor for lunch - we’ll set people loose in Market Square

Things to keep in mind

- The target audience are educators in Southwest Pennsylvania
    - public/charter/private, tech/luddites, union/non-union, elementary/high school/higher-ed
    - interested in sharing best practices/having conversations about education
- The idea of an EdCamp is informal, simple
    - no keynotes, no set schedules until the day of event
    - “vote with your feet” - if something doesn’t keep your interest, leave and find something else
    - poster sessions - people walk around

What’s a typical session?

- Conversations on how to model Digital Citizenship
- Sucks or Rocks - take a strategy/technique and people discuss if it sucks or rocks
- Twitter for Educators

- How many people do we expect?
    - we will plan to accommodate 300 but expect between 50-150

- How long will it last
    - one day 8:30am - 3:30 pm
        - 8:30-9:30 one hour welcoming/ meet and greet/ breakfast provided (by sponsor)
        - 9:30 introduction (perhaps mini-keynote)
            - session provided
        - 10 am breakout sessions
        - 11 am breakout session
        - 12 lunch
            - more sessions provided
        - 1pm poster sessions/breakout sessions
        - 2pm breakout sessions
        - 3pm closings

- What do we expect to need?
    - need 2 haves
        - rooms
            - auditorium
                - circle tables out w/ chairs around them
                - access to projector and podium
            - 9th grade wing
                - access to projectors/speakers in each room
            - 10th grade wing
                - access to projectors/speakers in each room
        - tech
            - wifi access for guest
        - access to arrive and enter w/out cards
            - welcoming host posted at door?
        - students!
            - NHS
            - TeenBloc
        - teachers!
            - 5+
        - volunteers
            - greeter
            - time keeper / Attempted Answer-er
            - tech support
            - snack guru
        - insurance for event (I know at our school insurance is not needed if someone who is an employee is running the event - L)

    - nice 2 haves
        - cafeteria
            - if we find funding, could chef prepare lunch?
                - alternate plans
                    - attendees pay for lunch we provide in cash
                    - attendees have lunch provided by sponsors
                    - attendees leave for lunch and return after lunch
        - Schwag
            - ask potential partners/sponsors if they'd like to give anything away like
                - bags
                - magnets
                - pins
                - shirts
                - lanyards

- What do we need money/sponsors for?
    - breakfast
        - possibly lunch
    - cost to open facility for day

- Who are we reaching out to?
    - Spark fund/Sprout/Hive/Remake Learning
    - CreateLab
    - AIU3
    - Google
    - PGH Tech Company
    - TRETC
    - PPS/PFT
    - Carneige LIbrary youth Library
    - PodCamp PGH
    - Universities in Area (CMU, Duq, Pitt, Robert Morris)
    - Yinzercation
    - A+ Schools
    - Awesome PGH
    - Center for Creativity
    - Scholastic - Rob Furman connection
    - PAIS (Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools - sponsor?)
    - PCIS - Pittsburgh consortium of indy schools
    - PAECT - Jana Baxter is jana.baxter@aiu3.net
    - Opt out parents - Kathy M. Newman kn4@andrew.cmu.edu