Lesson Plans

Teachers can browse a database of lesson plans submitted by other teachers using a user-based tagging system.

Profile

Teachers can customize the information that can be included in their online profiles. This information includes teaching experience, interdisciplinary involvement, and contact information.

Site Organization

Material on the website is organized using a system of tags, lesson plans, web links, events, and profiles. Users can view topics that interest them by searching for specific themes/topics that interest them and search through their colleagues.

Calendar

The calendar allows teachers to plan and publish events, and see what other teachers are doing.

Forum

Teachers can have ongoing discussions about topics of their choice using the forum feature.

It is clear that our participants did not respond favorably to the idea of a personal blog. Combined with their initial resistance to using the blogs of other members, we chose not to include a blogging feature in the website.

There is a strong correlation between willingness to create and to read blogs. Due to the fact that most respondents were not likely to read or create blog posts, we chose not to extend the blogging feature.