IPRO 320 Midterm Presentation

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The Problem

Teachers need:

- A time-efficient way to network
- A simple way of sharing information
- One site to accomplish everything

Team Organization

Sub-Team	Members	Purpose
Research	**Marijke Bochantin**, Carly Stanford, Alison Pierce, Emily Mick, Michael Tilatti	-To conduct focus groups and surveys of teachers to obtain feedback on the website
Development	**Ian McCall**, Andrew Peake, Julian Hartline, Dmitriy Pindrik, Michael Quinn, David Bern	-To design and develop the website

Project Goals

- To create a functional professional networking website for teachers that meets the needs specified in focus groups
  - User-friendly
  - Time-efficient
  - Intuitive interface
- To generate interest within the educational community to use this site

Progress Towards Goals

- ## Research Team:
  - Visited several Chicagoland schools and invited teachers to focus groups
  - Held first focus group at Deerfield High School
  - Analyzed the research data from the first focus group and presented it to the development team

- ## Development Team:
  - Decided on the website platform
  - Set up hosting for the site
  - Started drafting a visual interface for the site
  - Started implementing focus group requested features

Obstacles Encountered

- Holding a focus group
  - Was difficult to get schools and teachers in the area to participate
  - Focus group was held 10 days later than expected
- Development team was delayed as a result of the focus group delay

Anticipated Challenges

- Research Team
  - Successfully marketing the website to teachers
  - Getting a sufficient number of teachers to use the site
- Development Team
  - Fitting together all the website modules
  - Securing the website
  - Designing an intuitive website interface

Ethical Issues

- Plagiarism
  - Copying the ideas of other teacher networking websites
  - Copyrighting materials that teachers upload to the website

- Privacy
  - Who can access the website?
  - Can other people see if you are accessing the website?
  - Self controlled access to personal information

- Audio Recording Consent

Questions?

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