

SPARCC

Stark-Portage Area Computer Consortium

Data Analysis Committee

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

The following individuals attended this session:

Ben Black, SPARCC
Brent May, Plain Local
Dack Warner, SPARCC
David Erb, Lake Local
David Forman, SPARCC
Elaine Barkan, Stark County ESC

George Woods, Jackson Local
Jeff Dyer, SPARCC
Jim Levering, SPARCC
Kim Redmond, Canton Local
Maureen Haska, Streetsboro City

David Forman addressed the group and provided introductory remarks. He said that SPARCC is continuing its efforts to implement QlikView in its operation with the intent of creating a generalized data model for all the member districts. He added that it is not only tool under consideration and the team is looking at other alternatives.

The group looked at the approaches of three districts; Aurora City Schools, Lake Local Schools and Plain Local Schools.

Andrew Sams presented on behalf of Aurora City Schools and provided a history of their work in his district. They are using the QlikView product available within the Pinnacle Analytics application. He started by introducing this to principals and administrators and quickly determined that teachers had an interest in the information. The original data focused primarily on the results from the OGT and OAT tests. This has evolved to the use of formative assessment data.

David Erb presented on behalf of Lake Local Schools and discussed their approach. David mentioned that the Lake teachers are currently analyzing OGT and OAT results and using common assessments. As a district, they are moving to an adoption of the Windows platform and want to leverage their agreement with Microsoft. They plan to use SharePoint extensively to provide a common interface for all applications and share data across the district. Microsoft OneNote will serve as a common document platform. Much of their work is patterned after the [Center of Excellence K12 Portals](#) created by Miami-Dade schools and used in other districts.

Brent May presented on behalf of Plain Local Schools and discussed the use of the Stoneware software in their district. This product will enable their students and teachers to use their own equipment in the schools providing a significant savings to the district. The software has the capability of producing reports which are presented in a portal customized for each user. The reports are created by their staff using data available from many sources.

At the end of the meeting, David Forman asked the group for suggestions on the next steps for the SPARCC staff. There was broad agreement that the SPARCC team should continue to push forward with their work to assemble the data into a common model. This model would be made available to all enabling the districts to present this information to their staff members using the delivery method of their choice.

The next meeting date of this group has yet to be decided. Additional information will be shared with the committee members before the end of the school year.