
The Foreign Language Teachers of Western Massachusetts Collaborative was established in 1984 to encourage collaboration and professional development among teachers of world languages in area public and private schools, K-16. Membership is open to all foreign language educators K-16 and individuals interested in promoting foreign language education.

2013-2014 Program:

“Spiro-tecnics”: *Making Technology work for you!*

Building on last year’s exploration of thematic units across all levels, this year’s focus will be on the use of technology to support the development of these themes across all levels. Keeping proficiency ever in mind, participants will create concrete activities for immediate use in the classroom. Each session will focus on a certain number of available technologies (Websites, Apps, programs, etc.). Time will be allotted to practice with the technological tool being explored, and to create an activity that will be applicable for your classroom, at your level, for immediate use. We want members to leave with an activity to use the next day in class.

While we are planning to work in mixed-level groups in order to maintain the “spiral effect”, we want everyone to **BYOD** (bring your own device). If you have no device to bring, try to buddy up with someone who does, and from whom you can retrieve the information and work created during the session. We hope to post all of our products on our new website (in process).

**PDPs can be content PDPs
if product is made in TL**

2013-14 Schedule:

The meetings of the Foreign Language Teachers of Western Massachusetts Collaborative will be held at the Elms College in Chicopee. Social hour is from 3:00 to 3:30PM with the official program from 3:30 to 5:30PM. The location of the general meeting will be announced.

MEETING DATES

October 3: *Voice Recordings* (You will need a device with recording capacity for this session.)

November 14: *Video/Photo Presentations*

December 12: *Polling, and Making/Taking Surveys*

March 13: *Mind Mapping, Charts and Diagrams*

April 10: *Note-taking; Online Assessments*

May 8: *Apps and Sharing*

May 15: *Snow Date*

For most of the sessions a laptop or an ipad is the preferred device. However, the May session functions are most easily accessed on an ipad or high-tech phone. But, the laptop will still support most of the applications.

Any member who is already using any high tech applications is invited to help facilitate any of the sessions. Please contact Karolina should you be interested.

N.B. The SC would like to remind members to use considerate cell phone etiquette during the meetings.

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