

PK12 Meeting Notes and Summary: 11/22

Update on Designs to PK12 Website

- “My Content” section on user profiles allows people to create and aggregate content. Content is public, though there is a distinction between “Draft” and “Published”.
- Hive has added in a “Team Member” and “Team Chat” section to project pages.
- Hive added a section for attachments and links. Works for both Microsoft and Google Suite links, places a corresponding icon next to the link.
- PK12 is developing a generic list of topics to be used as filters on the website, Hive will update the design to include these topics.

Feedback from PK12

- Joe is interested in the inviting new members functionality. Would like for there to be a way to invite new partners in via email, rather than exclusively members of the PK12 website.
- Claudia wants to initially test out the website with a small group of people, who can invite additional members, whom can invite their colleagues. So for the prototype phase, limiting the website to partners rather than promoting the website to the general public.
- Though eventually, PK12 wants there to be a way to invite people from outside of PK12 in. Would be beneficial pragmatically, and also would strengthen the community aspect of the platform.
- For the comments section, they would like the option for users to sort comments by “Most Liked” and “Most Recent”. Could increase engagement.
- Generic filters could include “biology”, “chemistry”, “physics”, etc.
- Claudia is interested in a secondary “technology” filter for content. Potential filters include types of software (Scratch, CAD), or more general terms such as “hardware” or “coding”. Joe will follow up with Claudia on this.
- PK12 would like to omit “Age” as a topic. Within the module itself, a younger and older version can be described in the curriculum, and the user can designate which is more appropriate.
- PK12 would like to reduce the number of topics, to make the platform more simple for users.
- For the invitation to join the website, the invitation should send people directly to the “Sign Up” page. Joe says invited parties will already be engaged/committed to projects, so the homepage/a more general explore option isn’t necessary.
- Use January as a prototype/“limited release” period. Gather feedback and address criticism so that by the spring the website is fully operational.
- Have a “remix function”. A remix function would allow users on the website to copy a pre-existing module, and edit it to better suit their project. Would be nice to test this out in March, but not essential.
- In general, feedback on the design and visuals was very positive.

Proposed Timeline on PK12 Web Launch

PK12 visualizes a multi-stage launch.

- **January 2018:** Initial launch for small, pre-selected group. PK12 can upload pre-existing modules, allow educators to join the website as users, allow them to access existing materials, and allow the PK12 team/admins to upload new modules. Would be useful to have the “invite by email” option up and running, but not essential at this phase.
- **March 2018:** Website should be able to allow users to add new modules, educators in Hong Kong should be able to create profiles and work on those modules, and add co-authors. They will be collaborating with developers at MIT, so the MIT users also need access to these materials. By March, the website/materials should be autonomous. Users need to be able to develop/implement their own content.
- **May 2018:** Website is fully functional; development issues addressed, and feedback from the prototype phase incorporated. Inclusion of the “camp instance”. A “camp” is a collection of modules that has limited user accessibility. It is a semi-private function where teachers who are members of that camp have access to its materials.
- **June 2018:** Website is fully functional, systems cohesive, and members from the broader community are invited to join the PK12 platform.

Wrapping Up/Tasks for Next Meeting

- Meet the week of December 4th, preferably on a Thursday. Nick will send out a Doodle Poll to check availability.
- Hive will email over the PK12 designs and copy of today’s meeting agenda to Joe and Claudia.
- Topics for filters: Joe will send us some, but we can also cross-reference with the Lemelson project or create our own.