

October 9, 2013 – Staunton City Schools Hosts Google Festival

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Staunton, VA – Staunton City Schools’ educational professionals had an exciting opportunity to expand their knowledge and use of technology in education at Staunton City Schools’ Google Festival, held on the division’s scheduled professional development day, October 7, at Robert E. Lee High School. The event focused on promoting student learning through the use of Google Apps for Education and featured Google Certified teachers, trainers and practicing administrators. Similar Google Summits have been held all over the world, but this is the first event of its kind held in Staunton. The school division has been using various aspects of the Google’s free cloud-based Apps for Education since 2008 and will be transitioning into the use of the full range of available applications.

Tom Lundquist, Supervisor of Technology Services, and his staff collaborated with instructional staff for several months to plan and organize this extensive event. Division staff expressed their excitement with many comments and notes of appreciation. “Wow, what a day!! I am so inspired. Thank you so much for an incredible day. It was flawless...” commented Ms. Chapman of McSwain Elementary School. Ms. Knoxville of Robert E. Lee High School added, “Kudos to everyone involved in the organizing, hosting, and success of the Google Festival. There was such a buzz in sessions, between sessions, and after all the sessions had ended. I was really excited that we were able to bring so many presenters to Lee and SCS. Thank you again for planning this professional development day!”

“We are thrilled to have had the Google Festival in Staunton. It was an exciting day of learning and collaborating for teachers and other educational professionals,” said Thomas Lundquist, Supervisor of Technology Services in Staunton City Schools. “We are confident that the Google Festival will aide in transforming learning for students in Staunton.”



Jennifer Knoxville, teacher at Robert E. Lee High School, enjoys one of the sessions at the recent Google Festival.