

**Title of Session:** K-12 Student Center Tour

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**BjB:** unless a lot more people log in, it looks like you're going to have a private tour, Mike!

**MikeSW:** Okay by me! If you have the time. Is the Tour still scheduled?

**BjB** nods..it's okay by me too.

**BjB:** Let's start with any questions you have

**BjB** . o O ( or what did you hope to learn )

**MikeSW:** No particular questions . . .

**MikeSW:** wanted to take a look at what makes up this center . . .

**BjB** nods

**MikeSW:** to see how I might be able to use this facility

**BjB:** You know that the student center (SAC) is a K-12 place where teachers can bring their students.

**MikeSW:** yes

**BjB:** it is a safe and secure environment completely separate from the main TI buildings

**MikeSW:** explain safe and secure

**BjB:** click on the ONLINE tab to the left of this chat window, Mike

**MikeSW:** okay

**BjB:** you will only see people logged in to the SAC

**MikeSW:** yes

**BjB** . o O ( you can't see anyone in the other buildings... )

**BjB:** and people in the other buildings are not able to see who is logged in to the SAC

**MikeSW:** understand

**BjB:** guests are not able to enter the SAC

**MikeSW:** okay

**BjB:** and students who have logged in with accounts set up by their teacher are not able to leave this building

**MikeSW:** don't remember your keystrokes to "nod"

**BjB:** type a colon and the action

**MikeSW** nod

**MikeSW:** Is the action 'nod'?

**BjB:** try :nods

**MikeSW** nods

**BjB:** much better

**MikeSW:** sorry for the sidetrack . . .continue

**BjB:** teachers create a group room in the SAC

**BjB:** and they create student accounts and passwords for their students

**MikeSW:** okay

**BjB:** when you are ready to create a group, there is a tutorial that you go through

**MikeSW:** okay

**BjB:** right now, the SAC has this reception area and the lobby on the group room floors...

**BjB:** where all students can gather

**MikeSW:** I see

**BjB:** only members of a group can enter the group room, though

**MikeSW** left the room.

**MikeSW** joined the room.

**MikeSW:** took a peek

**BjB:** the group areas would be good if you wanted to have two classes meet to discuss a topic or work on a project based lesson

**BjB:** eventually, I think there may be other multiple group rooms added

**MikeSW:** okay

**BjB:** I've created a couple test groups to learn how you manage them

**BjB:** they work pretty much like the regular groups in TI

**BjB:** you can add members, invite members (for example, other teachers or a guest speaker)

**BjB:** you can change passwords and usernames

**MikeSW:** Do you as a teacher create the group . . .

**BjB:** when you first set up the group, you decide how long the group will last...anywhere from three months to one year

**BjB:** yes, the teacher creates the group

**BjB:** you can also start your group with from one to 50 students...

**BjB:** I recommend going for the max because otherwise you have to add students one at a time, which is a pain

**BjB:** you can feature notes, files, and links in the SAC group room...

**BjB:** you can choose the style of the room...colors, etc, just like an office

**BjB:** your students can use the discussion board...

**BjB:** all email goes to you, including transcripts, unless you specify otherwise

**MikeSW:** This is excellent!

**BjB:** there is also a whiteboard in the group room

**BjB:** any questions?

**MikeSW:** Yes . . .

**BjB** listens

**MikeSW:** The procedure for creating a group . . .

**MikeSW:** do you go through, say yourself, first

**BjB:** click on the tapped in tab at the top of your screen

**BjB:** then click on GROUPS

**MikeSW:** What I meant was . . .that I could create a group at any time without contacting TappedIn first

**BjB:** what do you mean by without contacting TI?

**BjB:** you can create a group at any time, Mike...

**MikeSW:** I guess to inform you that I am creating a group!

**BjB:** nah...all members are permitted to create two groups

**MikeSW:** Okay

**BjB:** this is a big change from the old TI...users can do all the stuff by themselves

**BjB:** o O ( including creating the student accounts )

**MikeSW:** Is that good or bad?

**MikeSW:** From an administration point of view

**BjB:** that is good...you don't have to wait for someone else to do it for you

**MikeSW:** I like that

**BjB:** me too!

**MikeSW:** Next thing for me to do is practice setting up a group!

**BjB:** why don't we start now? Click on the Tapped In tab and then click on Groups

**MikeSW:** all ready there

**BjB:** now click on Create a new K-12 Student Group

**MikeSW:** just a thought . .

**MikeSW:** what about "new tapped in group"

**BjB:** that creates a group in the main Tapped In building. Do you know about those groups, Mike?

**MikeSW:** I think so, went on a tour with you a few weeks back!

**MikeSW:** I see . . .never mind!

**BjB** smiles and nods

**MikeSW:** on with the create new k-12

**BjB:** when you click on create, you'll get a loooong agreement to read..

**MikeSW:** Lots of reading?

**BjB:** that sets the groundrules for the SAC

**MikeSW:** okay

**BjB:** once you accept, then you are walked through the tutorial for setting up a group

**BjB:** you can change any of the settings...length of duration for the group, number of students, etc

**BjB** . o O ( but I still recommend you go for the max number of students and then delete rather than add )

**MikeSW:** Be patient with me! I trying to figure out why I can not input characters in the fields

**BjB:** which fields, Mike?

**MikeSW:** Name of group, for example

**BjB:** hmmm...are you on a mac or pc?

**MikeSW:** mac

**BjB:** using Safari?

**BjB:** or IE?

**MikeSW:** I am able to click in the field, but

**MikeSW:** I am using Netscape

**MikeSW:** v 7

**BjB:** Netscape should be ok

**MikeSW:** 7.1 to be exact

**BjB:** try clicking on your desktop and then go back to the field

**MikeSW:** cursor keeps coming back to the chat window

**MikeSW:** I trying to remember what I did last time I was here! I had a similar situation!

**MikeSW:** what ever I did, I got it to work!

**BjB** smiles. I hope you remember!

**MikeSW:** Since our time is going quickly, let me thank you for today and I will return at a later date and play!

**BjB:** you might try using IE, Mike and see if that helps

**MikeSW:** Will be doing just that!

**MikeSW:** Thanks for your time today!

**MikeSW:** Bye

**BjB:** my pleasure, Mike!

**MikeSW** left the room.