

Hi Rebecca,

I presented last week. Mostly focusing on the adaptability of the schema to the needs of the Education group and how it was well aligned to our existing data set. One of the most important things that needed to be accomplished in the presentation was a general framework for what databases and catalogers even do, as that is not an area of general knowledge on the team.

Emphasis was placed on how proper cataloging system, particularly one that is a unified standard, allows for easier communication across all participants and can save time and energy long term, by applying it up front. Additionally, as we all know, solid metadata allows for better information retrieval for end users. PB Core was framed wholly as a unifying tool that would allow for saving user (station and teacher) money and time down the line.

Our larger action item take aways from the presentation are as follows:

- converting our database to a form based data entry: [proof of concept](#)
 - Small tweaks to question phrasing and order eliminated almost all of our standard data entry issues (it was magical)
 - We are debating having our internally built form export to a csv and/or directly into our database
- developing a cross walk from our current data fields to corresponding PB Core data fields: really, really rough first draft attached
 - Our current system is naturally 4 tiered, so adapting that to PB Core's 2+ tiers has been tricky
 - I will definitely be reaching out in the next few weeks after I've taken another pass at the cross walk to ask for advice

Our rough goal is to phase in an adoption of PB Core during fiscal years 2020-2022, as part of a larger grant to improve our CMS and make it adaptable for future improvements.

Thank you,
Athina