

#PubPriBridge Chat, 9 June 2014

Peter Gow @pgow

Welcome! #PubPriBridge emerges from an aspiration to build bridges across difference between public and private school educators.

I'm Peter Gow, a #PubPriBridge founder. Laura Robertson @Mamarobertson4 and Chris Thinnes @ChrisThinnes helped frame tonight's chat.

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Our #PubPriBridge topic for tonight: K-12 EDUCATION AND SUMMER, ROUND 2

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Last time #PubPriBridge talked abt K12 ed & summer but didn't quite finish. Chats archived at pubpribridge.net/chat-archive

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#PubPriBridge: Last time we left off wondering about summer break, "summer slide," and equity issues.

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#PubPriBridge will be using the Q1/A1 format. Please don't forget to use the #PubPriBridge hashtag

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#PubPriBridge Q1: Let's take a few to introduce ourselves. Peter Gow, 40 yrs an indy school T & admin, based near Boston.

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar

Andrew McNamar stopping by for my first #pubpribridge chat. Currently switching from Ac. Dean to #PBIS Coach

MRW @teachermrw

#PubPriBridge Marcy W., Spanish teacher at an independent school in CT. Good Evening!

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

#PubPriBridge Lisa Director of Tech & Learning Innovation from Pittsburgh and 1st time participating!

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes

#PubPriBridge A1: Chris Thinnes, indy ES div head/dean & public HS parent, L.A.

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar

Definitely interested in this convo as I move from a priv. school to a public school #pubpribridge and a Board of Ed. member in town.

Peter Gow @pgow

@AndrewMcNamar Quite a set of roles! #PubPriBridge

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes

@pgow @AndrewMcNamar Not a common transition; exciting! Great pov for #PubPriBridge :)

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar

@pgow Yes, but so many perspectives are helping to shape my beliefs and experiences.
#pubpribridge

Peter Gow @pgow

MT @AndrewMcNamar: started in public..went to private (tuition free) indy schl..needed more security as I start admin program #PubPriBridge

Peter Gow @pgow

First, let's talk about us. #PubPriBridge Q2: How are we feeling as we start summer? Exhilarated, exhausted, sad, grumpy, relieved?

MRW @teachermrw

@pgow A2: All of the above. LOL! #PubPriBridge

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes

#PubPriBridge A2: All of these -- plus a little groundhog day-ish. Year-end rituals making each year feel a repetition rather than renewal.

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#PubPriBridge A2: Slightly dazed. Trying to figure out what to do next--an avalanche of projects to prioritize, and then do

Peter Gow @pgow

#PubPriBridge Q3: What are your plans for professional development/learning this summer? Are they required or self-directed?

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar

A3: I Start classes at UConn, but intend to stay very active in the Twittersphere #pubpribridge

MRW @teachermrw

A3: #PubPriBridge Will be receiving training as a facilitator by the National School Reform Faculty. V. excited; long time coming.

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar

@teachermrw Interesting, what is the driving philosophy of NSRF? #pubpribridge

Peter Gow @pgow

#PubPriBridge A3: Seem to be a PD "provider," but new kinds of projects that'll provide lrng curve for me to climb--have done this to myself

Laura Robertson @Mamarobertson4

#pubpribridge sorry to be joining in late. A bit of a family emergency so I will be in and out. Laura Robertson, Humanities Chair @indy sch

MRW @teachermrw

A3: Combination of required and self-directed. Asked to be considered. Training is necessary for the Critical Friends Groups. #PubPriBridge

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Ed Jones, new here, @Learn21Tech presence drew me in #PubPriBridge

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes

#PubPriBridge A3: Heading to NAIS 'Call to Action' meeting, starting EdD program in Ed Ldrship for Social Justice, reading like crazy...

Laura Robertson @Mamarobertson4

#pubpribridge Lots of pd going on this summer. Week long, fully funded school based pd with @globalearner

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar

@ChrisThinnes The social justice piece is something I need to learn more about...I am at a very low-SES middle school #pubpribridge

Laura Robertson @Mamarobertson4

#pubpribridge plan on getting back to my blog, reading lots and coordinating development of a new 10th grade humanities course. Redesigning

Peter Gow @pgow

MT @Learn21Tech: feeling pretty stoked summer but slightly overwhelmed with the work ahead! #PubPriBridge

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes

@AndrewMcNamar Particularly interested in intersections of SJ with central commitments of T&L (v 'community engagement,' etc) #PubPriBridge

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

A3: presenting at #FlipCon14 coach at #FUSE14 and at #ISTE2014 leading workshops at my school and @stanforddschool summit #PubPriBridge

Chris Jackson @cjacksonj13

@pgow Summer? What's summer? #PubPriBridge

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes

Summer, Chris, is when they don't give tests. RT @cjacksonj13: @pgow Summer? What's summer? #PubPriBridge

Chris Jackson @cjacksonj13

@ChrisThinnes @pgow I have vivid memories of passing a swim "test" one summer. Highlight of that year! #PubPriBridge

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes

@cjacksonj13 You mean the test you didn't need to take to figure out if you could swim?
#PubPriBridge

Peter Gow @pgow

@ChrisThinnes @cjacksonj13 There's authentic assessment for that--performance-based, but high stakes #PubPriBridge

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar

@ChrisThinnes Recent Ind. School mag. talked about the importance of community engagement...pub schools can learn...#pubpribridge

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

@Mamarobertson4 what is on your reading list? #pubpribridge

Laura Robertson @Mamarobertson4

@Learn21Tech We are doing a dept. reading of the Empathy Exams. Also reading an assortment of texts we will be teaching 9-12. #pubpribridge

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes

I *know* some folks are getting set for #micon14 right now & are aching to test hotel wifi with a twitter chat. How bout #PubPriBridge?

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes

@AndrewMcNamar & my follow in the fall will hopefully suggest at least as much what pri schools have to learn :) #PubPriBridge

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@Mamarobertson4 What's new humanities course? #PubPriBridge

Laura Robertson @Mamarobertson4

@CreditFlex Based on Mod World Hist and world religions, lit tied to themes i.e. The Sunflower/Holocaust, Persepolis/Iran Rev #pubpribridge

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@Mamarobertson4 Amazing! #PubPriBridge

Laura Robertson @Mamarobertson4

@CreditFlex It is looking really fantastic. Team taught, interdisciplinary, and awesome Ts working on it. #pubpribridge

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

#PubPriBridge also doing our first official Learning Innovation Institute Design Thinking "unconference" late summer for Ts across city

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech
@CreditFlex hope you will come down for our DT unconference! #PubPriBridge

Peter Gow @pgow
@Learn21Tech #PubPriBridge Inst idea for city-wide Ts sounds great! All indy, or mix?

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech
@pgow mix! I actually have more luck getting public/charter Ts to come vs Indy! #pubpribridge

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech
@teachermrw @pgow that's 1 of main missions of the Learning Innovation Institute + scholarships and mini grant from revenue #pubpribridge

Peter Gow @pgow
#PubPriBridge A3 (more): I got in the habit of setting aside summer to write, so I don't do the conf rounds as much as I could

Allison Gaines Pell @againespell
#pubpribridge would love recommendations for my own pd this summer. Where are folks off too?

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech
#PubPriBridge we have teachers going to Creating Modern Knowledge, @stemefg Think Tank, #ISTE2014 #fuse14 & @OS4G PD

Laura Robertson @Mamarobertson4
Hey #stabl2L folks, check out #pubpribridge. Excellent free pd and a good warm up!

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@Learn21Tech that would be cool! When? #PubPriBridge

Laura Robertson @Mamarobertson4
#pubpribridge Great free professional development @edublogs #ntchat
teacherchallenge.edublogs.org

Laura Robertson @Mamarobertson4
#pubpribridge hoping for another #edcamphome this summer. Definitely a highlight from last summer. @swpax ??

Laura Robertson @Mamarobertson4
Also planning for a 3 week intensive course I will team teach on “issues of Race and Gender”
#pubpribridge

Peter Gow @pgow
#PubPriBridge Q4: What's your best recipe for summer reconstitution and reinvigoration?

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar
A4: The beach and a few books from outside of education help refresh the mind. #pubpribridge

Laura Robertson @Mamarobertson4

#pubpribridge q4: Lots of pool time with the kids, road trips, time to read for pleasure, catching up on twitter and blogging.

MRW @teachermrw

@pgow A4: Disconnect from school. I Don't go onto campus until late August. Cook, garden, visit family, read. #PubPriBridge

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A4: Oh, mountains, rivers usually involved! #PubPriBridge

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

A4: reading, taking a break, connecting with colleagues at PD and strategizing for new school yr #PubPriBridge

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes

#PubPriBridge A4. Laughing w/ @cjacksonj13 & his ilk a good start. You do, Chris, have an ilk? Also, maybe reading something *not* about ed.

Chris Jackson @cjacksonj13

@ChrisThinnes my ilk: people who want to change the world, but can also laugh at themselves. #PubPriBridge

Peter Gow @pgow

#PubPriBridge A4: gaze at water, mountains. Paddle. Read. Try to find the real substance under the hype around what's new in ed.

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

@pgow can you talk more about this? #pubpribridge

Peter Gow @pgow

#PubPriBridge A4: And always worrying that hype is out ahead of the reality. Educators fully capable of celebrating emperor's new clothes.

Laura Robertson @Mamarobertson4

@pgow Yes and there are so many new designers to choose from:) A great future topic the timeless vs. the timely. #pubpribridge

Laura Robertson @Mamarobertson4

@Learn21Tech Not to speak for @pgow, but new "things" and new "ideas" can be a distraction. Need to sift through the noise. #pubpribridge

Peter Gow @pgow

@Learn21Tech Probably not so much here. But so many bandwagons we've been jumping on, then forgetting we're riding. #PubPriBridge

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes

@pgow And often, oddly, seem to prefer to do so... #PubPriBridge

Laura Robertson @Mamarobertson4
@ChrisThinnes @pgow Especially when there are so many selling and so many afraid to miss out on the next big thing. #pubpribridge

Chris Jackson @cjacksonj13
A bit off topic (apologies): just wanted to see if any #PubPriBridge folks are (also) at #micon14 in Memphis.

MRW @teachermrw
A4: Bit by bit, going to overhaul the Spanish 1 and 2 curriculum. #pubpribridge

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar
A4: Interestingly, there has only been one summer I didn't teach or run summer academy...I might be addicted #pubpribridge

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A4: Did I forget fire, stars? #PubPriBridge

Peter Gow @pgow
#PubPriBridge Q5: Have you determined professional goals for 14-15 yet? How were these decided?

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar
A5: Administrative Leadership through UConns admin prep...personally want to grow in Social Justice and ability to cast vision #pubpribridge

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar
A5: Definitely need to improve in needs assessment #pubpribridge

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech
A5: yes - driven from strategic plan, new initiatives and existing projects - had 16 goals last yr hoping to focus in a bit #PubPriBridge

Peter Gow @pgow
@Learn21Tech Sixteen goals seems like kind of a lot... #PubPriBridge

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech
@pgow yes was kinda insane but most were done or started + change in philosophy now #pubpribridge

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar
@Learn21Tech Isn't that distracting...or overwhelming? 16? #pubpribridge

MRW @teachermrw
A5: #pubpribridge No, not yet. Done in fall at my place of employ. Meet w/supervisor. Honestly, not sure re: the value of meeting.

Peter Gow @pgow
@teachermrw Does school support in achieving yr goals, and follow up? Kind of key, but so often falls thru cracks #PubPriBridge

MRW @teachermrw
@pgow Do you mean school-wide goals or individual goals? I answered on the pretext of the latter.
#PubPriBridge

Peter Gow @pgow
@teachermrw Latter. #PubPriBridge

MRW @teachermrw
@pgow That's it. No real support, and no follow up. Think it's really to say we've had the meeting so it can be checked off. #PubPriBridge

Peter Gow @pgow
@teachermrw School should check out @foliocollab It's at least a system for giving substance to those things #PubPriBridge

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech
@pgow @teachermrw @foliocollab I'm exploring @BloomBoard right now - used by many pub schools but customizable #pubpribridge

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech
At great keynote at NAIS a few yees ago - was said focus on 3 main goals - making an effort to get closer #PubPriBridge

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes
#PubPriBridge A5. My prof goals are to solve more, diagnose less; bridge more, bicker less; learn more, present less; ask more, tell less.

Mike Thayer @gfrblxt
Just finished reading "The Castle of Llyr" to my daughter...I love those books. What's up, #PubPriBridge and #OHedchat?

Peter Gow @pgow
#PubPriBridge A5: Goals are my own. Mostly it involves figuring out what I want to do when I grow up. Too many pretty things to imagine.

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar
@pgow There is a part of me, b/c I've defined my last two roles, that wants someone else to tell me my goals. #pubpribridge

Peter Gow @pgow
@AndrewMcNamar I can actually appreciate that, I think. #PubPriBridge

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar

@pgow That outside perspective can be healthy...much like the #pubpribridge you, and others, are trying to create.

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

@AndrewMcNamar @pgow I like being able to define my own goals but like input at big-picture level #pubpribridge

Peter Gow @pgow

To kids! #PubPriBridge Q6: How do we imagine our students are entering their summer break? Proud? Hopeful? Relieved? Regretful?

Mike Thayer @gfrblxt

#PubPriBridge A6 Given that we've still got 2+ weeks of school left, our kids will be relieved for summer, I think.

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

A6: Ss entering summer ready for a break and possibly anxious about new schedule this fall #pubpribridge

Peter Gow @pgow

@Learn21Tech We've figured out a way to ramp up this anxiety; don't know quite how. Think it was too much front loading #PubPriBridge

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

@pgow that sounds right - I do a lot of reassuring, etc #PubPriBridge

Peter Gow @pgow

#PubPriBridge @Learn21Tech Think it might be high-aspire/high SES thing, but we've made crafting perfect sched (for coll adm) too big a deal

Peter Gow @pgow

@Learn21Tech #PubPriBridge Perfect schedule for college reminds me of "beautiful memory picture" in AMERICAN WAY OF DEATH

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar

A6: I always hope for students to be proud and hopeful. #pubpribridge

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

My interns - #ellisgirls Liliane and Korryn are spending most of the summer with me! Excited to have their partnership #pubpribridge

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes

#PubPriBridge A6. If my son is any indicator, 'Done' pretty much covers it :)

MRW @teachermrw

A6: All of the above, I would suspect. #PubPriBridge

Peter Gow @pgow

#PubPriBridge Q7: How might reflection on our students' state of mind today influence our own approach to the coming year?

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar

A7: #stuvoice and what they are feeling and sharing is essential to understanding the climate. We need to listen #pubpribridge

MRW @teachermrw

A7: It would help immensely to help them to take greater ownership of their learning.
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Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

Q7: seek the positive side of things at all opportunities, remember to take a break and connect with colleagues on human level #pubpribridge

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes

#PubPriBridge A7 Ss can't wait to use sum to honor their interests--& think it's urgent Q why school doesn't provide more opps to do so.

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

@ChrisThinnes fear, change adversity, no framework for change #pubpribridge

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

Look to the amazing public schools like @ECSInnovator @PropelBHHS that are innovating and learn together! #pubpribridge

Peter Gow @pgow

#PubPriBridge A7: Maybe figure out if we can make school feel less like a contrasting world from "life"

Mike Thayer @gfrblxt

#PubPriBridge A7 We should ask ourselves how what we do _to_ Ss makes them feel about their own learning & change what we do appropriately.

Peter Gow @pgow

#PubPriBridge Q8: How could summer break be made a more valuable time for students? Is less more?

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar

A8: I am a fan of "more" ...for some that is catch-up time...for others, it would be enrichment/service learning #pubpribridge

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

@AndrewMcNamar I want to do service learning w our global partners in Kenya, Uganda and Rio in the summer #pubpribridge

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

Q8: externships curated and facilitated by school - summer camps designed with Ss #pubpribridge

MRW @teachermrw

A8: Less is more. Summer for many kids becomes more like school. #PubPriBridge

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes

#PubPriBridge A8: I think summer break could be made more valuable (a) by supporting self-dir learning or (b) leaving stus' breaks alone.

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes

#PubPriBridge A8. Also not a fan of asking stus to complete summer tasks in isolation, when best learning takes place in collab at school.

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

@ChrisThinnes yes and support design of self directed projects for all kids - not just privileged #pubpribridge

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

@ChrisThinnes I'm really mixed on individual summer reading for kids - think it's overkill to some extent #pubpribridge

Mike Thayer @gfrblxt

#PubPriBridge A8 Everyone - all ages - use the time to explore & develop something new. A new hobby, a new place, a new friendship.

Peter Gow @pgow

#PubPriBridge A8: Find myself so flummoxed by opportunity gaps b/t wealthy & not when it comes to summer this is hard to answer. Less stress

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We're all about developing badged exp for HS students; doable in summer. #PubPriBridge

Peter Gow @pgow

#PubPriBridge Q9: How could summer break be a more valuable time for teachers?

M Reed @MReed_Lab

Dropping in on #PubPriBridge. Hope I'm not intruding...I think I lean toward less structure--especially from schools--in summer.

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

@CreditFlex yes!! Loving exploration of badges right now #pubpribridge

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes

@pgow Agreed. Which I think implies great arg to support community sites & orgs, but not to support summer school assignments. #PubPriBridge

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar

Q9: Time to reflect. Time to grow (how they want). #pubpribridge

MRW @teachermrw

A9: Stop the summer faculty reads. I personally don't find them valuable. Let me read what I want to read. #PubPriBridge

Peter Gow @pgow

@teachermrw Generally I agree, as often no substantive purpose or follow-up. We work to say we're doing something #PubPriBridge

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

@pgow have you seen this from @MVUpper - I think it's well thought out and presented! cc: @boadams1 #pubpribridge pic.twitter.com/XyYdZr65nC

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

@teachermrw I like the idea of options and suggestions #pubpribridge

MRW @teachermrw

@Learn21Tech Yes, that can be meaningful. #PubPriBridge

M Reed @MReed_Lab

#PubPriBridge Asking a dangerous question--is a structure free summer, productive in terms of reflection not action, a luxury? A privilege?

Laura Robertson @Mamarobertson4

@MReed_Lab Maybe a bit of all 3. I think it is something that does benefit those who can afford to do camps and other programs.#pubpribridge

Peter Gow @pgow

@MReed_Lab #PubPriBridge I used to work flat-out all summer in non-school setting. I needed the \$ and I needed the head space.

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

I've offered summer workshops for our faculty based on their feedback and 50% volunteer to come in unpaid to take them #pubpribridge

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

I'm amazed at how awesome our faculty are - still learning and exploring in the summer w no expectation of "reward" #pubpribridge

chris thinnes @ChrisThinnes

Thanks @pgow for modding and #PubPriBridge participants for your thoughts about summer & K-12 ed!

Peter Gow @pgow

Our hour is at an end. By 6/23, our next #PubPriBridge, so our school years will be. But we will continue every other week, all summer.

Lisa Palmieri, Ph.D. @Learn21Tech

@ChrisThinnes @pgow thanks I enjoyed this first chat!! #pubpribridge

Peter Gow @pgow

As always, thanks to our brilliant, thoughtful, provocative #PubPriBridge participants!

Andrew McNamar @AndrewMcNamar

We have so much to explore! Thanks for the #pubpribridge conversation.

MRW @teachermrw

Yes! Thank you @pgow for the awesome job of moderating this evening's discussion.

#PubPriBridge

Laura Robertson @Mamarobertson4

Thank you @pgow for a stimulating discussion as always. Sorry I was in and out. Family calls.

#pubpribridge