# Website Production Queue Development

Bellevue School District (BSD) - Chris Sumption

# **Background**

- Started at the Bellevue School District as a Website Content Manager (Contractor) in May of 2018.
- Worked within the Communications department.
- The role supported:
  - Approximately 75 content owners and 150 content editors.
  - Technology related needs for the web content management system.
- Predecessor had been gone 2+ months, there was no documentation, no processes, and a large project backlog.

# Step 1: Service Level Agreements (SLAs)

## **Typical Request Turnaround Times**

- Website Edits (simple edits, PDF uploads) = 48 to 72 hours
- Add Calendar Events to the District Website Calendar = 4 weeks
- Videos Uploaded to the District YouTube Channel = 48 to 72 hours
- Website Post that appears in the "District News" section of the district homepage = 4 weeks
- Web Page (single webpage, complete update or redesign) = 1 to 2 weeks
- Web Page (multiple pages, complete update or redesign) = 4 to 5 weeks
- Web Forms (Microsoft Forms) = 1 to 3 months

## August, September, and Periods of High-Volume Turnaround Times

We must adjust our timeline estimates due to the volume of content requests that we receive during certain times of the year.

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- Videos Uploaded to the District YouTube Channel = 1 week
- Website Post that appears in the "District News" section of the district homepage = 4 weeks
- Web Page (single webpage, complete update or redesign) = 2 to 4 weeks

# **Step 2: Developed an Intake Process**

**Current Process:** Emails from stakeholders

Team eventually wants to move to a project management system. IT department recommended their system, Samanage. Team was unsure of next steps.

## **My Recommendation:** Before committing to a platform:

- We need more information about current workflows and organization culture.
- Understand and develop processes first, then find the right platform to support those processes.
- Agile Design Process: Start with a working prototype, iterate based on user experience.

## **ITERATION ONE**

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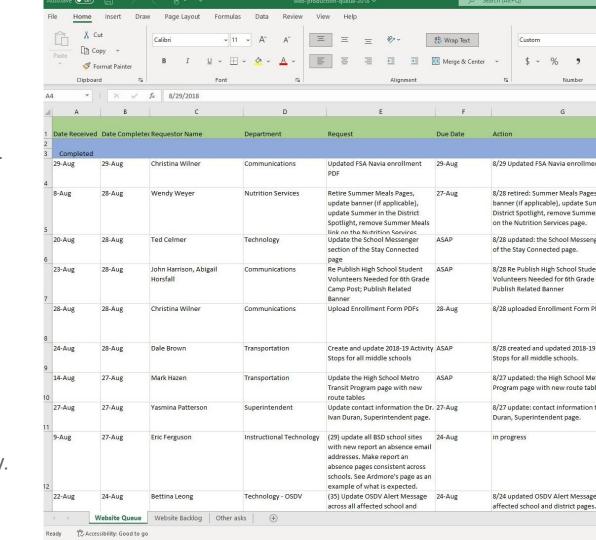
Began with an Excel spreadsheet.

Captured the information that needed to be tracked (dates, content owners, URLs, etc.).

Added and removed columns based on web production user experience.

Preserved information for record retention compliance.

Provides elementary transparency.

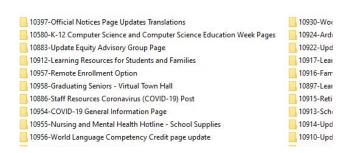


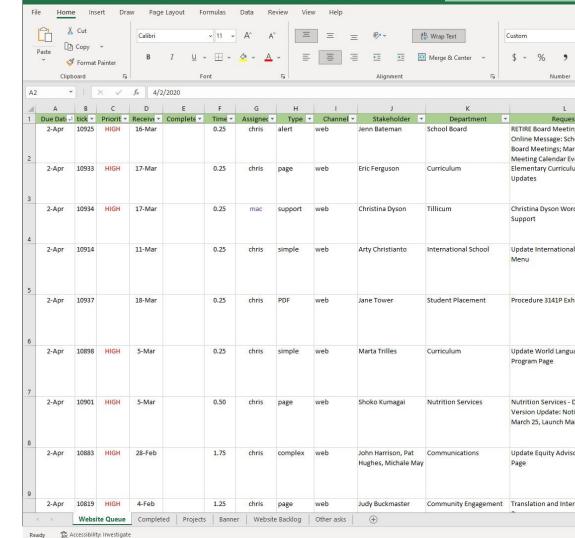
#### **ITERATION TWO**

# 2019 | Excel

Added categories, ticket numbers, and time tracking.

Started associating network file folders with ticket numbers for better record retention compliance.





# **Prototype Evaluation**

Based on lessons learned, Samanage was not going to work for our team.

- It was great for intake and collaboration, a little too transparent.
- Culture of the BSD organization required constant priority adjustments.
- A lot of task blocking occured.
- Needed something that could support a more Kanban approach.

Logical next step: Procure a different intake and project management tool.

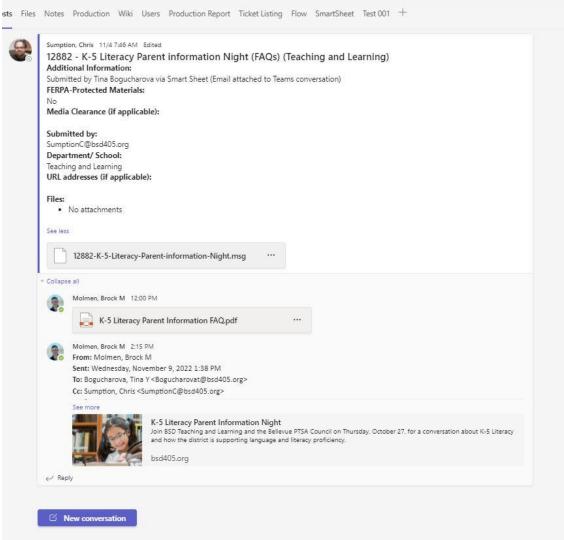
**Challenge:** Budget situation at BSD would not allow the purchase of a new tool. We instead needed to leverage existing tools.

Conversations and files housed in Teams

Files stored in associated Teams SharePoint folder (created new channel each school year).

Manual process with formatting documentation stored in a Wiki attached to the channel.

Leverage Teams search for usability and record retention compliance.

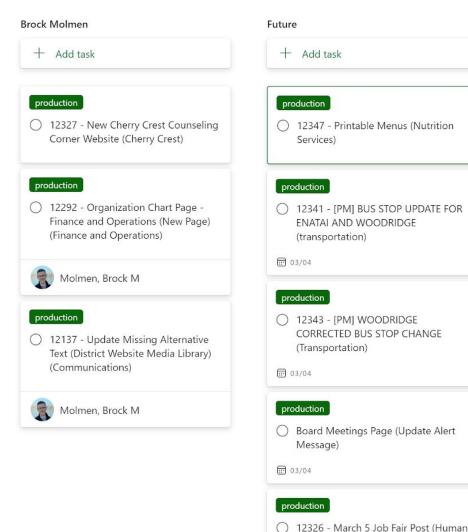


Used Planner for Kanban project management.

Began experimenting with Power Automate for Task creation.

Ticket numbers connected Planner Tasks to Teams Conversations.

Added category tags for tracking purposes.



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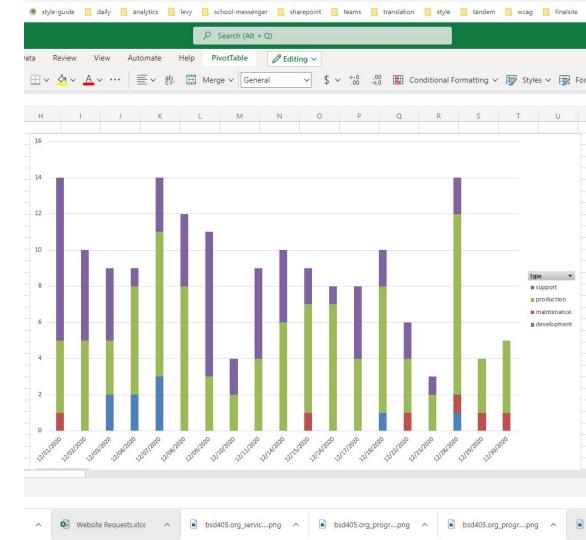
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Used Excel for effort management tracking.

Manual import process.

Used category tags for tracking purposes.



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Added an intake form.

District culture was very email focused. Tried to make the form as close to an email as possible (number of steps).

Added queries for common overlooked information (i.e. which page (URL) are you referring to?).

# Website Support Request

Use this form to request assistance for updating, user support, training, or consultation services related to your public facing, school or department website. This form also supports requests related to the district YouTube channel.

View district and school website resources: https://bsd405.sharepoint.com/sites/DistrictSchoolWebsites

For questions regarding this form, please contact Chris Sumption (sumptionc@bsd405.org)

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Hi, Chris. When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.

\* Required

1. What should we name this project? \*

Example Names:

- "Update the Administration Page"
- "New Chemistry Instructional Material Adoption Committee Page"
- "Menus & Nutritional Information Page November 1-5 Menu PDFs"
- "October 2021 CTE Career Talks Calendar Event"
- "WordPress User Support"
- "Upload Video to District YouTube Channel"

Enter your answer

2. What are the URL addresses of the webpages or resources that need updating (if applicable)?

Examples:

- https://bsd405.org/departments/curriculum/curriculum-adoption/chemistry-adoption/
- https://bsd405.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/elementary-school-menu-11-01-11-05-2021.pdf
- https://bsd405.org/event/cte-career-talks-20211020/

Enter your answer

Used (2) Power Automate Flows to automate the intake process.

Flow 1: Got the response details from the Form when submitted; Posted a new Teams conversation in the appropriate channel.

Flow 2: Fired when the new Teams conversation was added; It used the conversation data to create a new Task in Planner.

Rationale: Allowed for manual creation of tickets.



Added more transparency to the intake process by having the second Flow send an email to all members of the Communications Team.

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A new request has been added to the Website Production Queue.

Additional Information:

**FERPA-Protected Materials:** 

No

Media Clearance (if applicable):

Submitted by:

mettlerk@bsd405.org

Department/ School:

Nutrition Services

URL addresses (if applicable):

https://bsd405.org/services/nutrition-services/lunch/

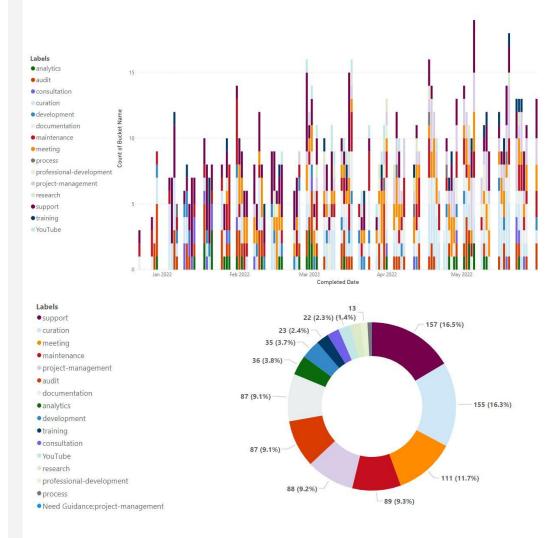
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Manually imported Planner task data into Power BI.

Communications and district leadership could easily quantify what I spent my time on.



### FUTURE

## **Expand Microsoft Teams**

Communicate directly with content owners via the related Teams conversation (Share to Outlook)

## **Integrate Microsoft Power Apps**

Connect the Planner Production Queue to a web application that presented a transparent view of our current active projects.

