

Technology Leaders Meeting October 5, 2007

Present at ESC6: Duane Wagner (Anderson-Shiro), Jonathan Purvis (Burton), John Rice (Iola), Kent Bowman (Lovelady).

DL Districts Connected: Big Sandy, Brazos, Bremond, Brenham, Caldwell, Cameron, Coldspring-Oakhurst, Franklin, Hearne, Leggett, Leon, Livingston, Madisonville, Magnolia, Milano, Montgomery, Navasota, New Caney, North Zulch, Snook, Splendora.

Present from ESC 6: Nancy Oliver, Barbara Solow, Robert Wyatt, Lori Aden, Dorothy Davis, Jonathan Berry, Levi Johnson, Susan Mullis, Sarah King.

Part 1 – All Districts

Barbara Solow checked role and those present at ESC6 introduced themselves.

Susan Mullis gave an Instructional Technology Update.

- TECSIG – October 11-12, 2007 in Austin, Texas – www.tcea.org (click on SIGs to register).
- Listed 18 Districts that submitted Technology Plans for Peer Review. Districts not included on the list need to update their technology plan. Update everything except Goals.
- Discussed the New Technology Plan opportunities.
- Instructional Technology has a new web presence; just go to the ESC web page and click on Instructional Technology.

If you would like to volunteer to be a Technology Plan Reviewer, contact Susan Mullis. For more information or questions contact Susan Mullis at (936)435-8269, smullis@esc6.net.

Barbara Solow gave Technology Training Opportunities Update.

- **ISA Training and Advanced Active Directory Training**
 - These training would be geared toward Education. These trainings could be 1 or 2 day trainings. More sessions will be added if needed. These trainings will be paid for by WADA Funds. If a district needs more staff trained and if space is available, the district can pay for extra training. Barbara will gather more information and report back to the districts.

For more information or questions contact Barbara Solow at (936)435-8273, bsolow@esc6.net

Nancy Oliver – Erate Update

TETN - Statewide Veterans' Erate Update, October 23rd, 9:00 am to 11:00 am, TETN session #27522. You may attend via distance learning at your district or at the ESC by contacting your site facilitator or registering with Ryan Price at 936-435-8212, rprice@esc6.net. There is no online registration for TETN sessions.

Additional Erate information:

- If you submit an online BEAR – Form 472 for Erate reimbursements for ESC services, please email me so that I will know that the form is ready for ESC certification.
- DL Application status – Not approved yet
- VPN – New routers installed, if you want VPN, do not turn server on unless you put it in your 07-08 Erate. Do not turn server on until 08-09.
- Ask Kathy George about % ineligible at Statewide Veterans' Erate Update session on 10/23/07.

Nancy announced that Barbara Solow was the new Component Director for Technology Services here at ESCVI.

For more information or questions about Erate, contact Nancy Oliver at (936)435-8285, noliver@esc6.net.

Part 2 – CommNet & Distance Learning Districts

Lori Aden – DL Updates

- Sent out questionnaire a couple weeks ago about the location of DL equipment in your district. Only about half the districts responded. She will send out the questionnaire again.
- ESC website now has a technology section on the home page. DL is listed there. New resources have been posted on how to find virtual field trip, including free ones, and web based field trips.
- Lori announced that she is currently taking a DL Certification course and as soon as she finishes it, she would like to set up some training sessions for video conferencing with teachers in the region and the questionnaire will help in this area.

Videoconference

- Bush Library is working on details to provide opportunity for our region's 1st and 5th grades to attend a video conference where former first lady Barbara Bush will read about White House Pets.
- Working on a conference that will let students show a "video-journal" of their school sponsored trips.
- Interest in Videoconference ideas is starting to build up, thanks for forwarding these ideas to your teachers.

For more information or questions contact Lori Aden at (936)435-8263, laden@esc6.net.

Barbara Solow – DL Support

- Barbara suggested that the districts provide a speaker phone in the DL classroom for troubleshooting issues.
- DL Testing Process – call Ryan Price 1st, Sarah King 2nd, Barbara Solow 3rd.

Video

- Suggest desktop solution such as, VIA Video on Polycom, PVX that is compatible with the H.239, Barbara to get with districts to find out which districts need them.

Training

- Advanced Polycom Training - October 25, 2007; there will be 2 sessions. The morning session will be from 9:30 to 12:30 PM and the afternoon session will be from 1:30 to 4:30. Gary Teeter from Data Projections will be our presenter and the topics covered will include, but not be limited to, video conference etiquette, technical operation of the IVC codec, switching of inputs to be broadcast to projectors and/or remote locations, and troubleshooting. To register contact Sarah King @936-435-8266 or sking@esc6.net.

For more information or questions contact Barbara Solow at (936)435-8273, bsolow@esc6.net.

Barbara Solow & Robert Wyatt - WAN Update

- Districts that are installing Lightspeed need to set up duplex for DL. If you are making any changes to your districts network, it could affect the DL, contact ESCVI and we will test your DL.
- OC3 getting ready to be turned on- possibly by Oct. 15th
- Need to order T1's – Est. 30 days (Mid November), Barbara will keep everyone advised.
- Robert Wyatt and Jonathan Berry will schedule install of routers. The old systems will be kept up until the new one is running OK. Once the first one gets installed, everyone will convert over to the new 100 mbps Internet.

Circuit Outages

- Someone from ESC (usually Dorothy Davis) will call your district if she gets an alarm from the Ping King indicating that your internet is down.. She will ask you if you had any power outages or if your local Telco is doing any repair work in your area that you know of. You may need to contact your local Telco to make sure they are not working on the lines, then she will ask you to reset your router. If this does not bring your circuit back up, please let her know and she will call in a work order to AT&T. Your T1 Line will be monitored until the circuit is back up, if it is a long time before the circuit comes back up, Dorothy will keep in touch with you and inform you of any information she receives from AT&T. Please make sure that there is a back

up person in your district that knows the location of your router and that they know how to reset it.

- Please send your cell phone number to Dorothy Davis at ddavis@esc6.net, in case your local phone line is not working, she can call you about your T1 Line outage. Also, if you lose power at your district, please call and let us know, that way we can inform the different departments in case you were scheduled for a session via DL.

For more information or questions contact Barbara Solow at (936)435-8273, bsolow@esc6.net or Robert Wyatt at (936)435-8276, rwyatt@esc6.net.

District Highlights:

Kevin Terry from Milano ISD presented a demo of his Web Management System. There is a special price for smaller districts. For more information about the system, you can logon to www.schoolsitemanager.com. If you need further information contact Kevin Terry at Milano ISD at kterry@milanoisd.net.

Next Technology Leaders Meeting, November 2, 2007.

- Brian Furbee from Trinity ISD is going to share with the districts on; How to get VOIP on a low budget.
- John Rice from Iola is going to report on the TECSIG conference he is going to attend.

Upcoming Technology Leaders Meetings:

Date	Session #	Time
November 2, 2007	60543	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
February 1, 2008	60721	10:00 AM -12:00 PM
March 7, 2008	60591	10:00 AM -12:00 PM
April 3, 2008	60654	10:00 AM -12:00 PM
May 2, 2008 (Face to Face)	60662	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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