

Technology Leaders Meeting November 2, 2007

Present at ESC6: Duane Wagner (Anderson-Shiro), Traci Simental (Huntsville), John Rice (Iola), Kent Bowman (Lovelady), Scott Keltner (Somerville), Brian Furbee (Trinity).

DL Districts Connected: Bremond, Brenham, Caldwell, Calvert, Cameron, Coldspring-Oakhurst, Conroe, Franklin, Leon, Livingston, Madisonville, Magnolia, Milano, Montgomery, New Caney, North Zulch, Sealy, Snook.

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 welcomed districts.

Susan Mullis gave an Instructional Technology Update.

- Susan discussed a variety of legal requirements for web pages.
- She mentioned that departments are responsible for their portion of the web page, not the webmaster.
- Susan will email list of requirements for web page to the districts. Josh Hymer of Calvert reported that this list can be found on the TASBO web site, http://www.tasbo.org/internet_postings_required.htm.
- Susan introduced John Rice from Iola.

John Rice (Iola) gave an update on the Tech Sig Conference he attended in October. For more information or questions contact Susan Mullis at (936)435-8269, smullis@esc6.net.

Nancy Oliver gave Erate Updates.

- FY 2008 (2008-09 year)
 - Bidding Process using Form 470 is open
 - Application Process –
 - -Form 471 can be filed
 - November 7th thru February 7th at 10:59 p.m.
- Distance Learning and Video Conferencing services are now listed as eligible under Internet Access – see page 6 of the Eligible Services List.
- FY 2007 (2007-08 year)
 - When you receive your 2007 funding commitments (FCDL) – file the Form 486 as soon as possible – the deadline for filing the Form 486 is 120 days after the start of services or after the date of the FCDL, whichever is later.
 - Appeals for 2007 denied services must be filed no later than 60 days after the date of USAC's decision letter.

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

Barbara Solow gave Technology Training Opportunities Update.

- **ISA, SQL, and Advanced Active Directory Training**
 - Examples/Labs will be geared toward district design.
 - Districts may be contacted to sit in on telephone conference with vendor.
 - WADA Funds to pay for 1 seat per district, additional seats will be paid for by district if extra seats are available. More training sessions may be scheduled if there is a needed.

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

Part 2 – CommNet & Distance Learning Districts

Lori Aden – DL Updates

- Lori distributed two handouts and presented these handouts to districts. Handouts consisted of: Courses available through TVS, <http://www.texasvirtualschool.org/> and Texas Virtual School (What is the Texas Virtual School Initiative?)

Videoconference

- Lori will be sending out invitations and session #'s for upcoming sessions.

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

Barbara Solow – DL Support

- Barbara reported that the maintenance on DL equipment
 - ESC purchased a 12 month warranty and that expires in March or April. Districts will be responsible for maintenance at that point. Contact Barbara Solow if you need vendor information.
 - Reminded districts to contact Ryan Price with TETN questions and DL connection issues.

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

Brian Furbee (Trinity ISD)

- Gave a power point presentation on VOIP for K-12 districts on a low cost budget.
- Brian will give his presentation at the TCEA Conference on Feb. 27th, in Ballroom E from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

For more information or questions contact Brian Furbee at bfurbee@trinityisd.net or (936)594-3569.

Robert Wyatt - WAN Update

- Routers installed – waiting on DC power equipment.
- Telco contacting Long Distance districts by phone or on site visits.

For more information or questions contact Robert Wyatt at (936)435-8276, rw Wyatt@esc6.net.

Q& A/District Sharing

- **Josh Hymer** (Calvert ISD) gave URL for web page requirements, http://www.tasbo.org/internet_postings_required.htm.
 - Josh announced that there would be a TDCITE Technology Meeting in Bremond in January, if interested contact jhymer@calvertisd.com
- **Caldwell** reported that Ken Task would be presenting at TCEA
 - Lennox Server – How to install and operate
 - Moodle & Juno
- **Rob Miller** (Magnolia) reported that Ken Task helped them set up their system and that Ken was a retired Service Center (Victoria, Region 3) employee that would be happy to help districts set up their system. Email Barbara Solow if interested.

Next Technology Leaders Meeting, February 1, 2008.

Upcoming Technology Leaders Meetings:

Date	Session #	Time
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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