

Technology Leaders Meeting
September 5, 2008
1:30-3:30 pm

Present: Barbara Solow, Sandra McLeroy, Susan Mullis, Sarah King, Kimberly Taylor, Robert Wyatt, Kip Robins, Ryan Price, Nancy Oliver, Lori Aden, Dennis Kirkland, Josh Hymer, Kent Bowman, Dan Arnold, Jeff Herriman, John Rice

Present over DL: Brazos ISD, Caldwell ISD, Cameron ISD, Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD, Latexo ISD, Magnolia ISD, Milano ISD, New Caney ISD, Snook ISD, Trinity ISD, Brenham ISD, Grapeland ISD, Livingston ISD, Sealy ISD, Bellville ISD, Groveton ISD.

Barbara Solow introduced herself and everyone in the room introduced themselves and what district they were with. Barbara then did a roll call.

Barbara-Introduction of Region VI Technology Team

- Robert Wyatt- System Manager 936-435-8276
- Robert also introduced Chris Rodriguez (Chris was out ill). Chris deals with network and email issues. Chris can be contacted at 936-435-8272.
- Kip Robins- circuit guy; go between of ATT and Wind stream, 936-435-8267
- Ryan Price-Desktop support, 936-435-8279
- Kimberly Taylor- Technology Department Secretary, 936-435-8275
- Barbara Introduced Sarah King and Dorothy Davis as TETN and Distance Learning.
- Barbara Solow is the Technology Component Director and also the DL Administrator.

Susan Mullis-Star Charts and Technology Plans

- A change in Assignments- there is going to be more support in Instructional Technology. Cathy Moak will now act as Title III D and Instructional Technology. Susan Mullis will be doing web cat, CSCOPE, Fitness Gram and help educators.
- Waiting on a report from TEA for walking orders on annual requirements for Fitness Gram.
- Thanked everyone for getting the word out on several issues and topics.
- Consider logging into your old Tech Plan and see what things need to be changed, added, deleted, etc.
- Star Chart-Districts must have teachers enter data annually. Waiting on more info.
- District Star Chart not open until **September 15, 2008**.
- Conference Reminder on **November 6 and 7**.
- Susan asked that all districts email her any information they receive of relevance to her before the next meeting.
- Learn Key is still active and able to run without a CD.

Sandra McLeroy- Library Services

- Gave Kudos to the Lovelady 4th grade girls for their achievements.
- Streaming Videos- adding flash drives, hopefully before Christmas, this should help with bandwidth issues.

- Discovery Learning- on the first page there should be a link to 1st Steps. This is a good tutorial guide.
- Districts need to clean up files. Archive old teachers, if teachers have moved to a different school fix those issues, clean up all files.
- Free Database- All districts have activated this except for one. This is paid through state funding and there has been an increase in usage. The Legislature will see how we are using this. Everyone needs to encourage teachers and students to use this. The login can now be changed to something easier to remember and be more generic.
- Nova-Net- Region VI is no longer the middle man, you can contact Pearson Learning with any issues.

Nancy Oliver-Erate Updates

- September 25, 2008 there will be a TETN from 8:15-9:45 discussing erate. Please let Sarah King know if you need to be connected to this TETN.
- If you are DL or CommNet- You **MUST** file a BEAR to get funds by **Oct 28, 2008**.
- Usak- should have no problem getting approved. Our connectivity is eligible.

Lori Aden-

- Introduction and content of DL
- November 10-14th is National DL week
- Lori is going to have a lot of FREE Video Conference
- On November 12th at 10:00 am Dave Kerry will be on a video conference. Dave Kerry is a POW and is a very good speaker. Lori encouraged everyone to join and listen to him speak. This would be great for middle school and High school kids. If people could set up like they did for the Barbara Bush reading that would be great, session # 78868. Please contact Lori if you have any question.
- There is also a new List Serve, IVContent. This will help get information out to the teachers and district leaders.
- Logitech w/Avitar Webcam-Avitar Annie-talk to teachers and kids who are nervous. You can get information on Lori's web page. www.esc6.net, you can then click on the Distance Learning link and look for the avatar link.
- Lori wanted everyone to know she is willing to come out and help the teachers in any way she can.

Sarah King-Distance Learning

- Sarah did an introduction to Dorothy Davis, she does all TETN registration and monitoring. She is also a monitor for all DL sessions. Dorothy can be reached at 936-435-8262.
- Sarah is the registrar and does the scheduling.
- If the districts can stay in good communication with everyone and have the equipment set up with the correct IP then things should go smoothly.

Barbara Solow-

- Morning DL sessions should really consider getting speaker phones, this way we can all communicate better.
- Know your IP address.
- Circle of communication has to be ongoing

- Microsoft Updates: What are people interested in?
- A big concern and lots of people are worried with Disaster Recovery. Barbara Solow said that she would see about getting an outline for this.
- If anyone has a topic for next meeting please let Barbara Solow know and she will get in on the agenda. Barbara can be reached at 936-435-8273
- Welcomed new CommNet members. There are now 39 CommNet members and 51 Distance Learning members.

Robert Wyatt-Email Filter

- If you are having any Imail issues could you please let Robert know, 936-435-8276.
- Robert is also looking for a better email filter. He installed a Demo of Iron Port and by passed Proof-Point.

Districts shared their thoughts on Macs.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm