

Caveland Assistive Technology Team (CATT)
Meeting May 8, 2007
Bowling Green 11th Street School, Computer Lab

The meeting was opened and the agenda reviewed.

Plans for the day were outlined:

- Editing and revising of AT Inventories
- Consideration of developing a universal list of recommended district level AT equipment
- Determine CATT activities for the upcoming year: meeting dates, presentations, committee action plans
- Hands-on word processor presentation and look at other similar equipment

The completed AT Inventories sent to Paula were reviewed and discussed. Several inventories remain in the completion process. Using the lab computers, the group divided Caverna's completed inventory into topics to research for supplementary information including vendor contact information, definition of use, and suggestions of device match to student need. Completed information was emailed to Melissa Moss for complying.

Ruth Boxley, Advanced Keyboard Technologies, Inc., introduced and led exploration with the Writer keyboard. Materials were provided on both the Writer, a portable word processor (\$179) and the Fusion, an enhanced word processor with text-to-speech (\$299 though June 2007). The Dana, a portable word processor by AlphaSmart Co. was presented and explored (\$325).

Following discussion and review of the 2007-08 calendars, the upcoming year meeting dates were decided: **September 18, December 4, January 29** and **March 4**.

Presentation suggestions were discussed and decided for 2007-08:

- Continue to work with the AT Inventories (possibly on an individual school/district basis) and develop the list of recommended basic school/district AT equipment.
- Member Jennifer Ferguson, SLP, offered to provide a review of AAC materials.
- Successful reading programs in use area-wide were discussed. Donna Link, CESC literacy consultant will be contacted to see if she may be able to provide assistance on this topic.
- Betsy Flener, KSB Outreach, will be contacted regarding information on vision when working with students with disabilities.
- Interest was expressed in learning more about WKU's new Clinical Education Complex. The Center houses the Kelly Autism Program, Early Childhood Center, Family Counseling Clinic, Acquired Brain Injury Resource Program and the Communication Disorders Clinic. WKU's CEC will be contacted regarding a possible presentation and tour of the new facility.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is **September 18, 2007**.

