

CAVELAND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TEAM (CATT)
MINUTES
MEETING DATE AUGUST 18, 2004

The meeting opened with orientation, welcome and guest introduction by Paula Borland. Terri Stice, with GRREC presented a computer demonstration of web-based activities using Marco Polo. She reported that the number one reason teachers do not use the Internet was due to limited time to root through the good and irrelevant information. Marco Polo was developed in 1997 facilitate teacher and student information searches. The site's home page lists areas and sponsors and is updated constantly. Some of the outstanding features of Marco Polo are: interactive tools available to replace the need for drill and practice software in the classroom; a "safer" search engine than commercial engines; lesson plans listed by subject or standards; site tools such as Real Player and Shockwave; interactive calendars; on-line graphing calculators and all partner sites are integrated.

Kentucky has it's own Marco Polo site with lesson plans aligned to KY standards. This site is a work in progress.

Terri also reported on KDE's new Combined Curriculum Documents located in the tools section. She discussed the offer to KY schools by United Streaming for a \$500 school subscription/license for unlimited access per school for videos. The deadline for this offer is August 20, 2004.

She announced upcoming events and dates:

KITA will be June 14 and 15, 2004. Ms. Stice is seeking suggestions for sessions.

Dell – The Intelligent Classroom - Monday September 27th, 2004. Contact GRREC for more details.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch and resumed at 12:30.

Paula Borland presented "Caveland Educational Support Center AT Loan Library". She began with the history of the AT loan library, which grew from contributions from area district Directors of Special Education. Items were selected for the library for school professionals to borrow and use with students to help determine if the item would benefit the student prior to purchase thereby saving both time and money. Ms Borland described the items available for loan including: switches, computer programs, adapted toys, voice output devices, wheelchair mounting systems, and other resources. She is soliciting ideas (needs) for the AT loan library to purchase/secure for future use.

The committees met to review action plans and develop plans for the 2004 – 2005 year. The committees reported their ideas to the group.

The Professional Development committee along with the Communication and Consultation committees selected dates for the next meetings. They are Tuesday, October 26 at Chaney's Dairy Barn; Tuesday January 11, 2005 (location TBA); and Tuesday March 29, 2005.

Connie Miller will present how she utilizes video self-monitoring to enhance student learning at our next meeting. The Consultation committee will also present a mini-session about our AT Inventories. They will have theirs compiled and discuss how they completed them and any challenges they may have encountered.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

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