

Caveland Assistive Technology Team (CATT)  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 26, 2004

Paula Borland called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM at Chaney's Dairy Barn in Bowling Green. New members Wendy Johnson from Hart County and Chad McEwin from Logan County were introduced to the group. Orientation discussion and housekeeping proceeded. Leslie Brauer shared an offer from Laureatte Learning Systems for \$50.00 off a software order of \$100.00 or more. Nicole Martin shared a software offer from [www.estore.com/bend](http://www.estore.com/bend). Estore offered many popular educational software programs for \$3.95. We discussed the absence of team members and decided to contact our committee members to determine if there is a conflict in meeting dates or locations. We also discussed the possibility of changing the location of the meetings to other than Bowling Green as we had discussed in our early planning meetings.

Connie Miller of Warren County Schools shared her successes with *Video Self-Modeling*. Connie uses the method primarily to target literacy skills but it can be used with various skills and cognitive levels. She showed us examples from her classroom using the method for transitions and reading. Others have had success using video self-modeling with students with autism helping them head off a melt down. They have seen the students generalize their new appropriate behavior to other settings as well. Connie's presentation was very interesting and had many of us ready to try the method in our own situations. She offered to share resources on the subject, give editing tips and gave an open invitation to her classroom to observe video self-modeling in action.

Members of the Consultation Committee delivered the next presentation. Nicole Martin of Warren County Schools shared a completed *Assistive Technology Inventory* from Moss Middle School. The biggest challenges to the process were two. First, they found that teachers don't want to share or others to know what they have in their classrooms. Secondly, the time necessary to compile the inventory is a challenge. Nicole suggested inventorying one school at a time with one contact person. A note was made about software licenses. Remember that there can be no sharing of software with an individual license unless you first remove the program from your computer. Often demonstration or timed trials are available from software vendors.

The group broke out to committees to work on their action plans. Committee membership follows. The *Consultation Committee* members are: Angie Petett, Connie Miller, Sandra Light, Nicole Martin, Rebecca Burns, and Mary Dueker. The *Professional Development Committee* members are: Karen Clark, Melanie Henderson, Lesley Hall, Darlene Sexton, Wendy Johnson, Marisa Duarte, and Leslie Brauer. The *Communication Committee* members are: Allison Mello, Melissa Moss, Angela Craig, Pat Saylor, Brandon Smith, Chad McEwin, Teresa Sheldon, and Kim Hawkins.

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

The committees completed their meetings and reported out. The Communication committee reported completion of the email contact list. They wish to continue to create a list serve and message board using the Caveland web site. They are continuing exploring web resources and will provide CATT meeting notes to the Directors of Special Education in the CATT region.

Professional Development Committee reported our next scheduled meeting dates would need to be changed due to availability of speakers and Spring break. January 18<sup>th</sup> Linnie Lee will speak on the subject of CATS online. The meeting will be held at the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Alternative Center in Bowling Green. Melissa Moss will present *Achieve 3000* to the group. The March meeting will be rescheduled to the 22<sup>nd</sup> and held at the Warren County Board of Education Building. Mary Dueker and Nicole Martin will discuss *Proper Positioning for Student Success* and Johna Rogers will guide us through the *Grant Writing* process. They are currently working on bringing a nationally known speaker to the area by summer 2005.

The Consultation Committee requested that we continue to work on our district assistive technology inventories. They will develop a model Assistive Technology plan to present to the team.

The CATT brainstormed to suggest solutions to some of the members student centered problems. This was a successful collaborative activity for the group.

Paula Borland of CESC presented *AT Equipment Showcase*. The CESC has recently acquired 45 new software titles from Inclusive Technologies that are available for loan. The software is useful for reinforcing switch use and cause/effect lessons. The group enjoyed the many options available on the software programs presented.

The CATT meeting adjourned for further networking.

Minutes recorded 10/26/04  
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