

Caveland Assistive Technology Team
Date: September 12, 2006
Location: Warren Co. Extension Office

Ms. Paula Borland started the meeting off by reviewing the agenda for the day. She then asked if the meeting dates could be revised due to scheduling conflicts. Meeting dates were revised to December 5, 2006; January 9, 2007; and March 6, 2007. Also discussed was the filming of each meeting and it was requested that someone volunteer to film at each meeting. Leslie Brauer filmed today's meeting.

The next discussion was on topics for the meetings. Suggestions included talking about success stories with students and technology and to also have brainstorming sessions to help each other with students we are having trouble finding solutions for. It was also suggested that each meeting two representatives could be asked to share any new programs or equipment they are using. These representatives could be assigned at the previous meeting. Karen Clark also advised she has received some information from SETS and would do a training if we were interested. Melissa also informed us of KAMC and how it has added them with a student who needed textbooks on CD. Paula Borland also advised that RJ Cooper will be here next Aug and is looking for some students to work with. He wants students whose parents can come with them. He will try different programs with the children to help them be more successful in various settings. You can also go to his website and download a free trial run of some of his software.

Dr. Leroy Metze from Western KY University was the speaker for the day and he spoke on "PDAs in the Classroom." He showed/talked about different types of equipment (Wizcom super pen, Star boards, ect) that can be used in the classroom. He also discussed the many benefits to the students and teachers, such as, enhances teacher/student feedback, allows teachers to adjust learning as they go, and increased student responses. Dr. Metze also talked about etrain express and two of the committee members are part of etrain and they discussed what they are working on. Connie Miller is on a committee for Read Write Gold. Her committee will be presenting at the etrain express conference on Oct. 7. Marisa Duarte is also on a committee for PDAs in the classroom.

After Dr. Metze's presentation the committee decided to continue working through lunch. We discussed a project Connie Miller would like to see us take on. She would like for the group to develop a plan to show districts what can be implemented to aid students in the classroom and on testing. The group decided this was a project we would like to take on so everyone will be putting together information on different technologies available to assist students and also success stories on using these technologies.

At the next meeting Leslie Brauer and Nancy Hurt will do a presentation on sensory rooms and Paula Borland will discuss information on KAMC. Lesley Hall and Melissa Moss will present on PDAs in the classroom at a later date. The ongoing project now titled "Test Scores and Dollars" will also be discussed at the next meeting.