

Caveland Assistive Technology Team (CATT)

September 18, 2007 Minutes

Bowling Green 11th Street School, Computer Lab

The meeting was opened and the agenda reviewed. New members were announced and those present were introduced: Dana Harlan, Cumberland Co., Debbie Parsley, WKU.

Plans for the day were outlined:

- AT News/Update: Districts, State
- AT Inventories: where are we, what do we want to do next?
- Display and discussion of AAC materials; Jennifer Ferguson, Logan Co.
- Tour and information on Clinical Education Complex (CEC); Debbie Parsley, WKU

The role-out of the Infinite Campus software training was discussed including where districts are in the training process and features of the new program.

The company, Measured Progress, developers of the online test, will have a demonstration site open in early spring. According to KDE staff, decisions regarding text reading software recommendations from the state department should be made public sometime in late October to early November.

Melissa Moss, Barren, indicated she has been attending a digital story telling training. She offered to present information about this topic to the group at a later date.

The use of pod casting in the schools was discussed. Leslie Brauer, Glasgow, indicated a colleague of hers has successfully used this technique with students. Leslie and Melissa Moss volunteered to provide the group with further information on pod casting.

Barren County has a new reading program, Reading Plus. Allen County may also have the program. It was suggested that the company representative may be able to provide useful information to the group. Paula will investigate.

Jennifer Ferguson, Logan, reported that her district has purchased an effective classroom sound system that was reasonably priced. She will email specific information to CATT members. Ali Mello, Edmonson, described an individual sound system purchased for a student.

Updated information on the word processor, Fusion, was given: free pre-trials with the device available to districts on request, discounted pricing for bulk purchasing; features include text-to-speech, word prediction, spellchecking and dictionary tools.

Group work on the AT Inventories during the May CATT meeting sent to Melissa Moss for compiling was discussed. Some categories remain incomplete. Melissa will resend information to Paula for completion.

Belinda West indicated since compiling Caverna's AT Inventory, teachers know who to contact (Belinda) for information on district-purchased items such including availability and implementation.

Karen Clark discussed the Barren County AT Inventory and how equipment loans are handled through her office.

Warren County reported they began keeping an inventory of recently purchased items. These purchases are made through a central AT office, at the end of the year, if items are no longer in use, they are returned to the AT office.

A draft AT Equipment Recommendation list by grade will be developed by Paula and presented for discussion at the December meeting.

Jennifer Ferguson displayed materials from the SuperDuper and Attainment companies. The group reviewed the items and discussed their use.

Following lunch, the group carpooled to the CEC site. Debbie Parsley, WKU, provided a detailed history of the CEC facility development, services currently offered, and information about obtaining services. Laura Reynolds, CEC, guided the group in a tour of the premises and answered further questions.

The next meeting will be **December 4** at the **Bowling Green 11th Street School** computer lab. Donna Link, Literacy Consultant, will address the group on the topic of literacy; Melissa Moss will present information and guide instruction in digital storytelling techniques; Leslie Brauer and Melissa will provide information on pod casting.

The meeting was adjourned.

December 4, 2007 Next Meeting

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