

VI/O&M Networking Meeting

December 11, 2008

- Announcements: None
- Last VI/O&M networking notes back on Oct. 15, 2008 were handed out and are also available on ESC2 Sp. Ed. website.
- Also handed out was miscellaneous information regarding the following: VI Registration, DB Census, TAKS, Textbook Survey, Who Do You Call, Sports Extravaganza, Legal Framework, Texas Focus/DB Symposium, and Websites.
- Handout given on 2008-2009 Regional Improvement Plan
- Survey was handed out and turned back in the same day regarding "Inservice Needs Assessment for Adapted Physical Education". This will be sent off to Barbara Kielaszek, Certified Adapted Physical Educator (CAPE). This person is a member of the Adapted Physical Activity Committee for TAHPERD. The Purpose of the committee is to improve programs for individuals with disabilities. She had been asked to contact Regional Service Centers regarding their training needs in the area of PE for Students w/ Disabilities. The committee are available to conduct inservices for either General or Special Education teachers who teach Physical Education to students with disabilities.

- An DVD will be made and each District will be provided with one DVD regarding TETN broadcast “functional Hearing Assessment” done on October 29, 2008 from TSBVI, distributed from The Deafblind Project at TSBVI. This may be used when working with local Districts. One reason for this broadcast is a change in the Deafblind Census. This Broadcast was an attempt to give district personnel an overview of possible tools for documenting such a loss.
- Make-N-Take took place in the morning.
- Patrick VanGeem & Susan Osterhaus w/TSBVI Outreach Program came and talked in the afternoon regarding: 1) Future planning for Technology and Math workshops in Region 2. 2) Problem solving urgent/immediate local Tech. issues.
- Discussed were future trainings from TSBVI Outreach from Susan O. regarding “Math manipulatives for ages 0-3 and on”, and “Making tactual graphics”. Would we want to bring in a training regarding these issues for 09’-10’ school year?
- Discussed changes to the VI registration: Timeline deadline is Jan. 30, 2009, then will be off the web. “Other” definitions were provided to assist in VI registration

- I give a great apology. The resource book “Assistive Technology Notebook” will not end up being copied and sent out to Districts because this book cannot be copied. However this book can be purchased on the online store of ESC4 at www.esc4.net
- Per Veronica: There is an class being offered in High School. The class offered is called “A2E2”. It is a class where Math and Agriculture teach together. It is very much a hands-on class.