



Region 2 Education Service Center

Technology Contacts Meeting Agenda 1:15-4 p.m.; room 3-09 and via distance November 6, 2008

Changes in Facts on File..... Sylvia Basaldu

<http://www.fofweb.com/Register/TX/Region2>

We are no longer able to use a region-wide login for Facts on File.

Districts were sent this link and asked to fill in the form you will find there. Please be sure your district has done this. It takes just a few minutes and will ensure your continued ability to use Facts on File.

Area 2 Conference..... Sylvia Basaldu and Holli Horton

The area 2 conference has been moved to Tuesday, April 14. We had too few vendors responding to our November date. Please call Sylvia if you have specific vendors in mind that you would like represented so that she can contact them and get them scheduled. We will have teacher presentations again. Please see the spring ESC-2 catalog for information, and watch for more information posted at <http://www.area2conference.esc2.net/>.

Filtering..... MIS –Kevin Scott

In the past we have had the benefit of Chapter 41 funds to cover the cost of Content Filtering.

It looks as though for FY12 (2009-2010) those funds will not be available.

Beginning in FY12 there will be a “Non-Erate Eligible” Content Filtering line item on the Internet Access contracts for school districts and charter schools. The cost of Content Filtering will be \$500 per year.

Ning Overview Presentation Linda Bartlett

Thanks to Linda for showing us the Ning site and how she is using it in her classroom. Also thanks to Kevin for getting the sub-sites unblocked for us to see. This is a social site, so it may be blocked by your filters.

Here are some of the subsites she mentioned and showed us:

<http://flatclassroomproject.ning.com>

<http://necc2008.org>

<http://classroom20.com>

<http://sleducation.ning.com>

<http://globaleducation.ning.com>

[London's IUP](#)

ePlan and STaR chart, NCLB report..... Faye Stone


Set free lab work dates.

Open Forum discussion

We had a wonderful, lively discussion of these topics. My notes will be sketchy. Those of you who mentioned specific web sites or vendor products, please send me links and/or names to post here.

- CIPA – are you having public hearings?
Member suggested including CIPA discussion with your public meetings on Federal Programs.
- Are we all keeping filter reports and logs, board minutes in e-rate notebook (Ric will not be here)
This came from Cathey George’s TETN session in September. Members suggested that we keep periodic filter reports/logs—the time frequency chosen at the district according to our best judgment. We should need only those board minutes that are relevant to plan approval and any other e-rate issues that had to be on the agenda for approval.
- 8th grade testing – how did you handle it this year, what are your plans, results?
Will you make changes with teachers?
Various instruments have been used thus far.
[Learning.com](#) (Trish believes they pay \$1500 initial cost and \$3 per student)
[Simple Assessment](#) (free)
[Three Rivers exam made by Thomasine Rushing. \(in Word so you can edit\).](#)
- STaR chart administrator report – is anyone planning targeted training for them?
Some are beginning to think about this, but no concrete plans so far. They *do* need it according to about everyone.
- Thin clients-- experience, pros and cons.
NComputing most widely used. Be sure to get the latest drivers.
- SmartBoards – is anyone tracing use and results?
Others, such as Interwrite School Pad, Mimio, Promethean. All are good. Choose based on the software you need to have them provide.
None indicated they were actually keeping any kind of records of use.

Next meeting Feb 26, back in the lab. “Via distance” will be offered, although only one district was able to connect this time.



Online systems:

[DMAC](#) – contact Faye Stone or Ric Gonzalez

[CSCOPE](#) – contact Gaye Glenn, Faye Stone, or Content Specialists

[iNova](#) -- contact Nori Mora or Ric Gonzalez

Coordinator Info Web Page : <http://www.technology.esc2.net/coordinators.htm>

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