

Meeting:	AVATAR ADVIS	ORY TEAM MI	EETING				
Date:							
Start Time:	October 22, 2013           1:30 P.M.         End Time:         3:00 P.M.						
Location:			5.00 F.M.				
Location:	ESC Region 11 3001 North Freeway Fort Worth, TX 76106						
Connection:	TETN available through all Education Service Centers statewide and telephone						
Participants:	Mary Harris, Brenda Hill, Jean Keller, Brenda Kihl, Barbara Lerner, Cynthia Fisher Miller, Melissa Modeen, Kathy Wright-Chapman,						
i ai ticipants.	Robin Adkins, Chris Kanouse, Joseph Kulhanek, Gary Madsen, Priscilla Martinez, Ravae Shaeffer						
Meeting Purpose:	Discuss AVATAR's progress and gain feedback from the Advisory Committee.						
Preparation Required:	Please review website <u>http://www.ntp16.notlb.com/avatar</u> , PowerPoint presentation, and advisory board members' roles						
Торіс	Discussion Leader Desired Outcome						
<ul> <li>Welcome &amp; Introductions</li> <li>AVATAR in Region 20</li> </ul>		an Keller seph Kulhanek	<ul> <li>Jean Keller welcomed and thanked committee members and host, Kathy Wright Chapman and ESC Region 11.</li> <li>AVATAR statewide committee members and guests introduced themselves.</li> <li>Approval of minutes from the last meeting.         <ul> <li>Chris Kanouse moved to approve the minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Joseph Kulhanek thanked Region 20 AVATAR partners and shared highlights from their year together.         <ul> <li>Math educators from middle school, high school, and higher education shared a syllabus from one of their classes. Higher education math educators were surprised with public school challenges.</li> <li>Critical conversation focused on content and College and Career Readiness standards, expectations, and gaps.</li> <li>Discussion included the importance of including the elementary level and creating a shared math vocabulary.</li> <li>All educational levels had different understandings of TEKS but conversation revealed content was similar.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				



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<ul> <li>The Interactive Notebook for Math was an AVATAR outcome. The goal was growth in students' math understanding over time.</li> <li>High school educators saw a need to develop more independent learners.         <ul> <li>Parent engagement is important for students to be college and career readied.</li> <li>Conversations were held about adding a literacy piece to the math component.</li> <li>A Professional Learning Community Model has assisted them in trying to build AVATAR relationships.</li> <li>Jean Keller added while individual AVATAR partners may change, AVATAR institutional relationships are sustained.</li> <li>Mary Harris inquired how the two- year community college staff was involved.</li> <li>Joe Kulhanek said community colleges have been involved through the AVATAR process.</li> <li>Discussion focused on the use of the Interactive Notebook.</li> <li>An inquiry was made about Texas Success Initiative (TSI), and Joe Kulhanek said he is working with multiple districts that have remedial programs in place for students going to the University of Texas at San Antonio.</li> <li>Seminars are being used to work with the high school students to help them prepare for the rigor and responsibilities or expectations outside the classroom.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Ravae Shaeffer said they would like to build more awareness in their region, and Jean Keller said several regions are involving counselors.</li> </ul>



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• HB 5 and Other Legislative Actions and their Impact on Secondary and Postsecondary Partnerships "	All	<ul> <li>There was discussion of HB 5, dual credit, and funding issues.</li> <li>In Region 20, Ravae Shaeffer said they had a conversation with higher education and the school districts. Three committees have been created to determine what a college preparatory course should contain. Alma College and UTSA were involved in the meeting, but no private colleges.</li> <li>In Region 10, Chris Kanouse said they have focus groups in place to discuss how to proceed with HB 5. They want to create college preparatory courses with vertical curriculum alignment/continuity.</li> <li>In Region 9, Kathy Harvey said they are having conversations with the AVATAR groups and how they want to deepen their relationship with their P-16 Council, Midwestern State University, and Vernon College.</li> <li>Gary Madsen said Austin Community College has54 high school campuses they serve, and they are trying to determine ways to serve everyone.</li> </ul>
What Should We Do Related to Vertical Alignment Scalability and Sustainability	All	<ul> <li>Gary Madsen expressed concerns about sustainability of the P-16 Council state funding, and how we share the work of AVATAR with regions not involved with AVATAR.</li> <li>Discussions included dissemination of information at content conferences, CCRS and school workshops, local exchanges at the P-16 Council meetings, and continued funding.</li> <li>Jean Keller thanked all for a wonderful discussion. The next meeting was changed to February 3 at 12:30 PM.</li> <li>.</li> </ul>



2013 – 2014 AVATAR Advisory Committee Meeting Dates				
(Connection through TETN System available at all ESCs and Phone Connections)				
January 28, 2014 Changed to February 3, 2014	12:30 –2:00 pm			
April 1, 2014	1:00 – 2:30 pm			
June 17, 2014	1:30 – 3:00 pm			