Documentation of AVATAR Technical Assistance Phone Conversation

Participants: Robin Adkins, ECS Region 16, and Mary Harris, AVATAR

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2013 Time: 2-2:30 P.M.

Status of documentation:

1. Documentation is up to date through 7/15/2013. Notes from the meeting say Cathy Coleman, AHS, should be added to the 13-14 math VAT.

Topics discussed:

1. The intent of Region 16 is to keep the current mathematics VAT going and to add ELAR, as approved by the Panhandle P-16 Council. However, the ELA coordinator who was to lead the new VAT has been assigned other duties and is unable to lead the new team.
2. A meeting is planned for Wednesday, October 16, for the math team to assess progress with the mathematics journals. The group was not able to present at the ESC 16 i3 conference on August 21 due to lack of availability of members.
3. We talked about goals for May 2014 and what shape outcomes might take. Robin said he hoped for something tangible that could be shared from the math journals and also quantitative data arising, perhaps, from tracking students from Amarillo High School to Amarillo College and/or West Texas A&M University. (Data about numbers of high school students who enroll in different types of math courses and outcomes were presented to the 12-13 group.)
4. With reference to potential use of products from other THECB/TEA projects, Robin thought the Region 16 group had benefitted from the work of the Math Faculty Collaborative. He thought it would be problematic if use of the Craft resources were tied to implementation of the Profile Planning Guide. Another useful tool for the region is the TX College and Career Readiness website. <https://www.texascollegeandcareer.org/Ext/Texas/Home/index.html>
5. Robin hopes there can be a face to face meeting of AVATAR coordinator/facilitators. He is especially interested in the relationship of this work to implementation of HB5.
6. We talked about the visibility of the work of the VAT within the region. Robin has started to publish a newsletter that is available through the P-16 Council section of the ESC 16 website as well as by subscription. The September issue features a mathematics column by a member of the mathematics VAT in which she discusses the math journals. AVATAR is mentioned in the introduction to the article.

Follow-up actions:

Robin, did the group present at the July 25 Region 16 Math Summit?

***Yes. However, team members were unavailable to present at the R16 “i3 Conference” on Aug. 21 or at the Panhandle Area Math and Science Conference on Sept. 28.***

Are you able to submit updated names, if any, for the 2013-14 math team?

***An updated team roster is attached to the email with these notes.***

How about dates and agenda plans?

***Agenda & Minutes doc from 10-16-13 meeting has been submitted. Next meeting is yet to be scheduled.***

Any progress with ELAR leadership, and if so, VAT membership?

***Names of potential P16 ELA Content Coordinator & AVATAR ELA Team leader have been submitted to me for consideration.***