Documentation of AVATAR Technical Assistance Phone Conversation

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Date: Thursday, October 17, 2013 Time: 1-1:30 p.m.

Status of documentation:

1. Documentation is up to date through 5/09/2013.

Topics discussed:

1. The two vertical alignment teams in Region 15 are still working although other members may be pulled in. The mathematics team wished to design a senior level course for those who were not yet college ready. ESC specialists and ASU faculty are both interested. The ELA team is working on a website through the Concho Valley Teachers of English. This group has a strong commitment to continuing to work together.
2. The ELA group has established a meeting time; times for the math group are pending. There is pay for substitute teachers.
3. The P-16 Council (San Angelo P-16 Partnership, Inc.) wants to develop a vertical alignment process for all core content areas.
4. Karan thinks use of the CRAfT lesson resources and the Profile Planning Guide may be incorporated into the work.
5. If there were a statewide meeting, Karan suggested it be held in Austin in conjunction with the TASA MidWinter Conference.

Follow-up actions:

 Karan, is the math team formed to the extent that members can be listed on the website?

 Are there changes to the ELA team membership?

 Do the VATS have projected dates for meetings?