Documentation of AVATAR Technical Assistance Conversation

Participants: Christine Holecek, ECS Region 12, and Mary Harris, AVATAR

Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2013 Time: 1-1:30 p.m.

**Status of documentation:**

1. Documentation has been received through 5/17/2013. A sign-in sheet is available from this date, but minutes are not posted.

**Topics discussed:**

1. Chris said that two colleagues are assisting this year in leadership of the continuing ELAR VAT and the newly-forming mathematics VAT. Lisa Monthie is working with ELAR; teachers from West Midway and Rapoport Academy have been added to this group. J. B. Williams will work with the math VAT, which will have representation from the new and continuing partners (Waco ISD, La Vega ISD, Midway ISD, Robinson ISD, Reicher Catholic High School, Texas State Technical College, McLennan College, and Baylor University). The math team is not complete.
2. Chris anticipates use of the CRAfT lesson plans by both of the VATS. Teachers will try the lessons and evaluate them. Google docs will provide a platform for sharing work.
3. Also, Region 12 is working with Steve Frank of the College and Career Readiness Support Center in Region 13 on implementation of the Profile Planning Guide. Chris is a master trainer for this.
4. Chris highly recommends the resources at [www.txccrsc.org](www.txccrsc.org%20) . She thinks the videos are especially good. See featured videos on the homepage. Also, CRAfT is now incorporated into this site.
5. A statewide orientation meeting would help Lisa and J.B. to be oriented to AVATAR and see the purposes of the critical conversations as related to college and career readiness. Chris saw the Career and Technology Association of Texas (CTAT) 2014 Texas Career Education Winter Conference to be held February 4-6 in Austin as a conference to which AVATAR might attach a meeting.
6. The work of the Region 12 VATs will begin in January. New members will become oriented through the models before attending the group sessions. The first meeting is planned for January 24 from 9-12 at McClellan Community College. Mary said she would like to attend the meeting.

**Follow-up needed:**

 Chris, please send updated team members if than information is available.

 Do you have notes from the May 17 or any later meetings.

 Mary said she would check about any additional possible funding.