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Cyber Connection

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Visit to Nixon Smiley

On August 28th Melissa and Paula had the opportunity to visit NSCISD. They were able to meet with Chris Tassos, the Target Grant coordinator for that area, as well as Cathy Lauer, who helped with writing the grant.

They spent some time visiting schools in Nixon and in Smiley. There is an abundance of energy and excitement in the entire district. This district was also involved with the first Cyber

Connection and are ready to get going on CCII.

There was also much time devoted to reviewing the Phase testing. They looked at all of the tests, and have come to the conclusion that several need to be updated.

Paula and Melissa are looking forward to visiting Waelder, New Braunfels Christian Academy, and Nancy Ney Charter School.

Phone Conference with Evaluators/LoTi Training

August 22, 2003 provided us with the opportunity to have a phone conference with the TCET evaluators of the TARGET grant. Among the discussion topics were the Student Proficiencies, Phase testing, and how to close the gap between Phase II and Phase III. With the grant emphasis on at risk students there was brainstorming on how to track achievement along with technology skills.

Another topic addressed was how to assess campus technology readiness. The LoTi Training was suggested and as a result Melissa and Paula will be attending a LoTi training session on the 17th of September.

<http://www.learning-quest.com/LoTi/>

Another concern was assessment across the districts and how to have a common thread of assessment – Any Ideas????



Welcome to the new Cyber Connection Webpage

The Cyber Connection webpage has a totally new look. The history of the grant itself is summarized, and the goals are outlined as well.

Links are provided to a list of the collaborative members as well as to the proficiency phase program. Downloads are available for self study and skill checklists.

Spotlight Links currently have previous "winners" showcased. We will be asking for nominations soon so this can be updated.

We plan to look at this on Thursday so please take a minute to review it before you come so you can provide feedback.

<http://www.newbraunfels.txed.net/TechDept/default.html>

Noga News

Last week Tera received an e-mail stating that the NOGA has been moved on to the Grants department at TEA for signatures and release of the Noga. This could take several weeks.

Meeting this Week

This Thursday, September 11, 2003 will be our next meeting of the Target Grant Advisory Committee. We will meet at the Ed Center in the library at 1:30 p.m. Remember we mentioned last time to bring your business manager or the person who will be working with the grant finances.



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