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# Cyber Connection

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## LoTi Seminar

ESC-20 sponsored a seminar on LoTi for administrators of TARGET Grant schools. on September 17<sup>th</sup> Melissa and Paula, along with several of our TCET partners, were able to attend the seminar.

Dr. Christopher Moersch, the developer of the LoTi Scale was the speaker. He explained that he created these “Levels of Technology Implementation” in 1994 for ISTE. School districts are able to use this system for their structuring of staff development.

This assessment initially diagnoses a “technology” profile for each school involved, and gives baseline data to analyze growth. The LoTi Technology Use Profile measures the teachers' level of technology implementation in the classroom as well as their Personal Computer Use (PCU) and Current Instructional Practices (CIP).

We will be sharing more about the LoTi as we investigate whether it is a tool that can be helpful in our project.

## Visits to NBCA and Nancy Ney



On September 18<sup>th</sup> Melissa and Paula went to visit the New Braunfels Christian Academy. The NBCA has grades Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Right now their high school is housed at TbarM due to space constraints. There are approximately 478 students at the school. Al Houk took Melissa and Paula on a tour of the school and a visit to their computer lab. They have done an impressive job running and maintaining a collection of primarily donated PC desktops in both their lab and in classrooms.

Then on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September they visited their other New Braunfels neighbor – Nancy Ney Charter School. They met with Bruce Rockstroh first and were later joined by their tech specialist – Robert. After a tour of the school (Grades 4-12 with 94 students) At their faculty meeting two Power Point presentations were shared with the staff. The first was an overview of the Target Grant and the second focused in on the Proficiency Phase Testing.



## Welcome to Sheryl Moehrig

Sheryl Moehrig is our new CyberConnection Grant secretary. Sheryl lives in Canyon Lake, Texas, and has extensive experience with budgeting and invoicing. We feel lucky to have her on our team. Her desk is located in the NBISD Education Center and her phone number is 830-643-5743. Welcome Sheryl!

## Noga News

On October 1<sup>st</sup> Tera Thompson sent out a wonderful announcement that we had received the NOGA. We know everyone was thrilled and relieved to have this news!

## Ruby Payne National Tour

With our receipt of the NOGA we were able to quickly turn around and register participants to attend Ruby Payne's workshop on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio. This two day workshop is designed to help us understand and learn how to work with our students from poverty. Ruby Payne training is included in the grant but we had not expected to schedule her any time soon. If you were unable to take advantage of this opportunity, there will be other opportunities within the grant to take advantage of training targeting at-risk students

## Meeting this Week

This Thursday, October 9th, 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. It should be an exciting meeting now that we have our NOGA and things are starting to happen.



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