

University of North Carolina Wilmington
Watson School of Education
Assistive Technology Demonstration and Lending Site
Advisory Board Meeting Summary
Monday, March 30, 2009

Advisory Board Members Present:

Cindy Booth, Angie Edwards, Jeff Ertzberger, Cindy Hancock, Linda Mechling, Ja Medlicott, Brenda Scott Kari Siko, Mirella Timms, Ron Vetter

- Introductions
 - Assistive Technology Support Analyst – Angie Edwards has been hired

- Advisory Board Members
 - New
 - Brenda Scott, a Psychologist and Exceptional Children Instructional Coordinator from Onslow County Schools has joined the Advisory Board
 - Still needed
 - Self-advocate, parents, physical therapist and EC director/school administrator
 - Please e-mail names of possible members to Kari

- Assistive Technology Initiate Lending Library
 - Website demo
 - Graduate student has created a mock-up of the ATILL website
 - Need to be sure site is ADA compliant
 - Need search box on main page
 - Include cost of items on 'details' page
 - Be specific with titles of items
 - Need separate search page and then advanced search page possibly with radio buttons instead of pull down
 - Reviews/comparisons of equipment – need to have a way for people to find best equipment and also to compare features
 - Possibly contact counties and list what each county has/supports – put on detail page
 - Possibly link back to curriculum on details page – will need assistance from schools on this
 - Google analytics and meta-tags so that we are easily findable when people are searching
 - Will send electronic version to Board members for review when ready

- Make and Take Workshops – Dr. Amy Moody facilitator
 - Have held one workshop
 - Visual Supports for Students with Autism
 - Monday, March 23rd
 - Overwhelming response – had waiting list for participants
 - Upcoming workshops
 - Phonological Awareness for Early and Emergent Readers
 - Friday, April 3rd 10am
 - Visual Support for Students with Autism (again☺)
 - Monday, April 13th 3:30pm
 - Sensory and Fine Motor Fun
 - Thursday, April 23rd 3pm
 - We want to host many more workshops (informational as well as make and take)
 - If you have ideas for workshops that you or someone you know would like to lead, let Kari know!
 - Possible topics: SETT process; Assistive Technology vs. Educational Technology; Accessibility Features of Computers; 21st Century Technology Standards
 - Need list of possible experts on various subjects
 - Put section on AT Website for people to suggest/request workshops – Kari will work with Webmaster on this

- PDS Assistive Technology Contact List
 - Still working on getting a list of contacts from each county in the Watson School of Education System
 - Will organize a meeting of AT contacts from each county in May – a forum for people to get together and share

- Online Forum for Advisory Board
 - Waiting for University sponsored site to be opened to non-UNCW persons
 - Kari and Angie will look into creation of a Wiki or something similar for the Advisory Board to communicate in between meetings

- Referral System
 - We need to be thinking of a way to work between the Site and the School Districts to keep communication open
 - It may be that the Site needs to just be a place of “showing” not referring or contacting schools – instead encouraging the parents to do so!
 - Need to develop Policies and Procedures

- AT Roadshow
 - Possible PR for getting word out about AT Demonstration and Lending Site
 - Visit schools/school districts and show ATILL and also low-tech and freeware

- Possibly take workshops on the road with information about Demo and Lending Site
- Resources
 - Need to continue purchasing Assistive Technologies that we can demonstrate and lend
 - Focus on the 10 Functions
 - Cognitive and Learning Aids
 - Communication
 - Computer Hardware/Access
 - Daily Living Aids
 - Environmental Aids
 - Hearing and Listening Aids
 - Mobility/Positioning and Transportation Aids
 - Recreation, Leisure and Sensory Aids
 - Switches
 - Vision and Reading Aids
 - Ideally – we should purchase items in each function to begin with
 - Send ‘wish lists’ to Kari so they can begin purchasing
 - We are also able to create/adapt products for specific needs/people – so be aware of this option!

Board Member To Do List:

- Send Kari:
 - Possible board member names
 - Wish lists for resources
 - Workshop ideas/suggestions

Next Advisory Board Meeting:

Monday, June 1, 2009

3:00 – 5:00pm

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