

## **Social Studies TETN Notes February 6, 2013**

*(These are not official minutes of this meeting, only notes about the meeting.)*

Julie Brelsford, Statewide Social Studies Coordinator, welcomed participants to the TETN, which started at 1:00 p.m.

### **Agenda:**

- Proclamation 2015
- State Board of Education Update
- Project Share/OnTRACK Lessons
- Assessment Division Report
- Social Studies TETN Meetings Schedule
- Nominations for Instructional Materials State Review Panel

### **State Board of Education (SBOE) Meeting**

- Proclamation 2015, Instructional Materials
  - Review of Social Studies Instructional Materials will begin this year. The call will go out for the materials at the April 2013 SBOE meeting.
  - Social Studies Instructional Materials will be approved at the November 2014 SBOE meeting.
  - Social Studies Instructional Materials will be implemented into the classrooms beginning in the 2015-16 school year.
- Various actions from the January 2013 meeting:
  - First reading of these proposals and are open for public comment for next 30 days:
    - Bullying Prevention K-8
    - Fine Arts TEKS
  - Julie reported the SBOE officers and committees that were decided at the January SBOE meeting. Some of the members will have two year terms and some will have four year terms so that half the seats will be open for election every two years. These assignments were needed due to recent redistricting.

### **Project Share**

- All three EOC Social Studies courses are now available in OnTRACK. Not every TEKS is addressed, but there are lessons available for many areas of the courses. New lessons are being added for World Geography.
- The Bible literacy course under review; it will be available sometime in the future.

### **Assessment Division**

Brenda Tingle, Manager for Social Studies Assessment, was unable to attend today's meeting, but she sent the following information to Julie:

- Grade 8 STAAR Raw Score Conversion Tables and Performance Standards are on the website.
  - Grade 3-8 STAAR Performance Standards for Spring 2012 Administration:  
[http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student\\_assessment/STAAR\\_3-8\\_Performance\\_Standards\\_Chart.pdf](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student_assessment/STAAR_3-8_Performance_Standards_Chart.pdf)
  - STAAR Phase-in Illustration:  
[http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student/assessment/STAAR\\_Phase-in\\_Illustration.pdf](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student/assessment/STAAR_Phase-in_Illustration.pdf)
  - Raw Conversion Tables Spring 2012:  
[http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student\\_assessment/taar/convtables/yr12/](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student_assessment/taar/convtables/yr12/)
- Brenda said there are some areas of concern related to the Grade 8 Social Studies STAAR. Julie will get the details and send to the ESC specialists.

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- For the Phase-In I Grade 8, the passing standard is 3500, which translated into 25 items correct out of 52.

**Social Studies TETN Dates for 2013:**

Date	Time
April 24, 2013	1:00-2:00 p.m.
July 24, 2013	1:00-2:00 p.m.
September 25, 2013	1:00-2:00 p.m.
November 19, 2013	1:00-2:00 p.m.

State Board of Education Meeting Schedule:

- January 30, 31, February 1, 2013
  - April 17-19, 2013
  - July 17-19, 2013
  - September 18-20, 2013
  - November 13-15, 2013
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- Julie said that the Social Studies ListServ messages have been less frequent due to reduction in staff, but she will try to send more out in the future. Join ListServ: <http://miller.tea.state.tx.us/list/>, select Social Studies from dropdown menu.

**TSSSA Conference, March 21-22, 2013**

Julie is scheduled to speak during the meeting; many wonderful speakers will be there.

Brenda Tingle is also scheduled to speak.

[http://tsssa.org/?page\\_id=728](http://tsssa.org/?page_id=728)

Julie asked what you would like to hear at her presentation at TSSSA. She would like to add requests from educators to her presentation. She made the same request for the TETN meetings. Email or call her with your requests.

**Upcoming Events:**

- World Geography Conference at Region 6, February 7-8, 2013
- Humanities Texas and Region 7  
Humanities Texas is holding free professional development workshops for teachers and will reimburse schools for the cost of substitutes for teachers attending programs taking place on school days. This month, Humanities Texas will hold one-day workshops on SLAVERY, THE CIVIL WAR, AND RECONSTRUCTION in Austin (February 15), Abilene (February 18), Corpus Christi (February 20), Dallas (February 21), and Kilgore (February 22). Workshop content is aligned with the TEKS. For more information and the brief, online application, visit <http://www.humanitiestexas.org/education/teacher-institutes>.

**Questions from the Field:**

- Study guides were available for those who were not successful on the TAKS; will they be available for STAAR/EOC? Julie hasn't heard anything about this resource; she will check with Brenda.
- What legislation should we be watching? Some legislation proposes reducing the number of EOC tests. Websites that can help with following legislative activity:
  - The MyTLO section of the Texas Legislature Online website offers personalized viewing of legislative content.  
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/MyTLO/Login/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fMyTLO%2fBillList%2fBillList.aspx>

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- Mobile TLO: <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/mytlo/mobile/default.aspx>
- Bill Lookup or Search: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>
- Rachel Hernandez at Region 13 talked about a Trainer-of-Trainers held at her ESC for OnTRACK courses. It was open to all content areas and well attended. Teachers as well as technology staff enjoyed it. She will be happy to share what they did.
- Are you getting any CSCOPE inquiries and what are you doing with them? Julie hasn't received many calls because the main switchboard refers CSCOPE inquiries to Region 13.
- Will there be Grade 8 Released Items coming? Julie was not aware of any plans for this type of resource; she will ask Brenda. Some Grade 8 released items were included in a TASA presentation (Assessment Conference) in December 2013: <http://www.tasanet.org/sites/tasa/files/conferences/assessment/2012/tingle.pdf>.

Julie encouraged everyone to contact her with questions and concerns. The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

**Helpful Links:**

- STAAR Resources: A-Z Directory in Student Assessment: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/directory/>
- STAAR Social Studies: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/taar/socstudies/>
- Teacher Resource Page: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/teachers/>
- SBOE page: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=1156>