

TETN Feb 5, 2014

Service Centers who attended:

R1, R4, R12, R16, R17, R20

1. Debbie Gonzalez – Curriculum Department of TEA presented information on Innovative Courses. Applications to create an Innovative Course can be found at [curriculum@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:curriculum@tea.state.tx.us); go to the A to Z directory and search for Innovative Courses. (<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=6079>)
2. AP/IB money – There is money available from the State for teacher training reimbursements and reduced student testing fees. (\$30 reduction from state; don't know about any possible federal help to offset the cost of the tests for students.)
3. SBOE update
  - 34 amendments from the 1<sup>st</sup> reading until the final votes were tallied.
  - Rule text still being digested; topics will be communicated once TEA has a chance to receive and understand the rule text.
  - Check out the link on the main page, Under Jan 31, 2014: [http://www.tea.state.tx.us/news\\_release.aspx?id=25769809223](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/news_release.aspx?id=25769809223)
4. Project Share lesson updates for OnTrack for Grade 8, World Geography, and World History.