

## **123VC Evaluation Report - July 2007**

| <u><b>Evaluation Items</b></u>  | <u><b>Answers</b></u> | <u><b>Number of<br/>Answers</b></u> |
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| The two pre-class reading assignments helped set the stage for the first day.   | Strongly Agree        | 11                                  |
|   | Agree                 | 25                                  |
|   | Disagree              | 2                                   |
|   | I didn't read them.   | 18                                  |
| Modeling and doing the different videoconferencing scenario activities provided me with a solid understanding of videoconferencing. | Strongly Agree        | 45                                  |
|   | Agree                 | 11                                  |
| <b>Please rate the following videoconferencing scenario activities:</b>   |                       |                                     |
| <i>Exchange Projects</i>  | Great                 | 44                                  |
|   | Good                  | 11                                  |
|   | All Right             | 1                                   |
| <i>Math Marvels</i>   | Great                 | 42                                  |
|   | Good                  | 9                                   |
|   | All Right             | 3                                   |
|   | I didn't do it.       | 2                                   |
| <i>MysteryQuest</i>   | Great                 | 44                                  |
|   | Good                  | 10                                  |
|   | All Right             | 1                                   |
|   | I didn't do it.       | 1                                   |
| <i>ASK</i>  | Great                 | 50                                  |
|   | Good                  | 6                                   |
| The video clips helped further my understanding of how videoconferencing works.   | Strongly Agree        | 41                                  |
|   | Agree                 | 14                                  |
|   | Disagree              | 1                                   |
| <b>Please rate the following videoconferencing video clips:</b>   |                       |                                     |
| <i>Virtual Field Trips Take Off</i>   | Great                 | 39                                  |
|   | Good                  | 13                                  |
|   | All Right             | 1                                   |
|   | I didn't see it.      | 2                                   |
| <i>Math Marvels</i>   | Great                 | 36                                  |
|   | Good                  | 14                                  |
|   | All Right             | 3                                   |
|   | I didn't see it.      | 3                                   |

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| <i>MysteryQuest</i>  | Great             | 41 |
|  | Good              | 12 |
|  | All Right         | 1  |
|  | I didn't see it.  | 2  |
| <i>ASK</i>   | Great             | 48 |
|  | Good              | 8  |
| <b>The afternoon presentations provided me with some valuable information.</b>           | Strongly Agree    | 42 |
|  | Agree             | 14 |
| <b>Please rate the following afternoon presentations:</b>                                |                   |    |
| <i>Lisa Pride - "Greenbush Interactive Distance Learning Network"</i>                    | Great             | 45 |
|  | Good              | 8  |
|  | All Right         | 3  |
| <i>Shane Howard - "Singing with Shane &amp; Videoconferencing Etiquette"</i>             | Great             | 47 |
|  | Good              | 6  |
|  | I didn't see it.  | 3  |
| <i>Chris Plutte - "Global Nomads Group - Pulse Program: The Future of America"</i>       | Great             | 35 |
|  | Good              | 13 |
|  | All Right         | 5  |
| <i>Jim Wenzloff - "ASK: Author, Specialist, Knowledge"</i>                               | Great             | 45 |
|  | Good              | 10 |
| <i>Kathy Mohr, Rebecca Polityka - "Chapters Project, Great Race, Racial Dialogs"</i>     | Great             | 18 |
|  | Good              | 31 |
|  | All Right         | 6  |
| <b>I enjoyed working with people from a distance on our class project.</b>               | Strongly Agree    | 46 |
|  | Agree             | 9  |
|  | Strongly Disagree | 1  |
| <b>I felt comfortable meeting with my class project group over chat (Skype).</b>         | Strongly Agree    | 38 |
|  | Agree             | 17 |
|  | Strongly Disagree | 1  |
| <b>I felt comfortable meeting with my class project group through videoconferencing.</b> | Strongly Agree    | 42 |
|  | Agree             | 14 |

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| Using the blog was a good way to reflect about our experiences in the class.                 | Strongly Agree   | 38 |
|  | Agree  | 18 |
| I plan on signing up with at least one of the videoconferencing listservs that we discussed. | I already did!   | 28 |
|  | Yes  | 26 |
|  | I'm not sure.  | 1  |
| Moodle was a good way to host and deliver the class information.                             | Strongly Agree   | 35 |
|  | Agree  | 19 |
| GoogleDocs was a good way to publish the group project information.                          | Strongly Agree   | 31 |
|  | Agree  | 10 |
|  | Disagree   | 1  |
|  | We couldn't use GoogleDocs.  | 14 |
| I see the benefit of using videoconferencing with my students.                               | Strongly Agree   | 52 |
|  | Agree  | 3  |
| The length of the course was...  | Too Short...I would like to have had much more time.   | 6  |
|  | Good...although I would like to have had a little more time.   | 38 |
|  | Good...although I would like to have had a little less time.   | 11 |
| Please evaluate the overall knowledge of the facilitators.                                   | Very knowledgeable   | 53 |
|  | Knowledgeable  | 3  |
| I found the content of the training session to be...   | Very relevant to my job  | 49 |
|  | Relevant to my job   | 7  |
| Would you recommend the 123VC course to others?  | Yes  | 55 |
| Overall, I found the 123VC course to be...   | Very helpful   | 54 |
|  | Helpful  | 2  |
| If you could modify one thing about 123VC what would it be, and how would you do it?         | I do not think I would modify much. I saw a value in each component of this class. I did not view our activities as a waste of my time.  |    |
|  | All of the information has been valuable. The technical difficulties were frustrating, but that happens!!!   |    |
|  | Get LCISD to unblock needed sites - Not the presenters job. Get more groups from around the nation or world (time zones would be a problem) to participate so more connections could be made.  |    |
|  | I am not sure I would want to modify anything but if I had too.....Depending on the expectaions of the group project, a little more time with the away site would have been helpful to solidify our project. More in class prep time would have been nice. |    |
|  | I enjoyed  |    |

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| I know it would be difficult but to add more diverse sites for small group work. We were only able to work with one other state and it would have been nice to incorporate more states into the small group.                                      |
| I loved this week! I will recommend it to everyone!   |
| I personally could have used more time in communicating with other vc members.  |
| I really can't think of a way I would modify it. I think it was a great course overall.   |
| I wish that my district would allow me to take the vc course again.   |
| I would check the links to sites and have the administrator provide access before the class started. That way all of the locations would have access to all the sites used.   |
| I would give it more time to digest. Too fast paced!  |
| I would have fewer sights bridged in.   |
| I would like to see more classroom to classroom connections that have already been done or are in the process.  |
| I would make sure that all the facilitators were on the same page. I think a set of VC do's and don't's should be set up. A lot of some of the comments from one of the facilitators made her seem very rude. (and it wasn't when she was joking) |
| I would not connect as many groups in the multi-point. It was very hard and very confusing to be working with 4 or even 7 groups!   |
| I would not modify anything, but the time. Allow for more time. Maybe three more days.  |
| I would slow the pace just a little.  |
| I wouldn't change a thing. This was a wonderful workshop experience! I'd love to go through another class like this!  |
| It would be great if local schools/districts could share about successful events they have participated in and/or hosted.   |
| It would be having laptops with batteries for us to use. That would have made setting up for small group time much easier, and it would have helped with our presentations and daily projects also.   |
| It would have been better to have all of the technologies, including Google docs, working.  |
| It's hard to get teachers to commit to a 5 day unpaid workshop..3 days? I liked how we jumped into content and simulations, without spending time on managing hardware.   |
| Maybe a little shorter. Use another web field trip. The critters was kinda boring!  |

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|  | Maybe have a course for those who have NEVER taken anything vc and then an intermediate course for those who have experience with vc. My small group project was basically run by someone who's a technology specialist for her district & she left me behind most of the time when she talked about our project. I don't have a shorthand I speak about technology matters like she does, so I felt frustrated when she'd give me directions for something to do and expect me to know what she meant. I had to ask lots of questions and her dismissive answer to me was along the lines of "it doesn't matter if you don't understand the project, just do this 1 part and don't bother me." so I mentally checked out for most of our small grp project (just like a student in the classroom would do). |
|  | More time.   |
|  | Moving through SOME of the activities a little faster. Some seemed to drag but it may have just been because it was afternoon and I was tired.   |
|  | NA   |
|  | Nothing  |
|  | Nothing. I thought everything ran amazingly well.  |
|  | Perhaps a little more time with our small group during the videoconference would have been helpful to help "tweak" our presentation. Otherwise, the time given for each activity kept us on task.  |
|  | Provide some optional monitored "work time" at the end of the day. I LOVED the fast pace of this class but needed 30-60 min. of "personal time" to process information and work on our group project.  |
|  | The only recommendation I have is an introduction of everyone at the site at the start of the workshop.  |
|  | The way the groups were choosen. We started off with 11th grade -3rd grade....   |
|  | Time. Longer day   |
|  | Don't talk about anything that will offend others.....ha!!!! ie religion, politics.  |
|  | Have a reunion so we can see where everyone goes from here.  |
|  | More time for group projects and smaller groups with like assignments. I created a project that I can not use in my class.   |
|  | n/a  |
|  | Nothing I enjoyed everything presented   |
|  | Nothing....it was great  |
|  | The lighting in our particular location could be better (Region 10).   |
| <b>Please describe the most valuable experience you feel that you had while participating in the 123VC course.</b> | A whole new world of opportunity to help my students learn!  |
|  | ASK...hearing a Vietnam vet talk about his experience...that has stayed with me! I want kids to hear him.  |

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|  | Ability to visually comute with other teachers and groups. Very talented groups.  |
|  | All of the model projects were valuable. I was able to create contact through this workshop that I hope to actually work with this school year to do a few video conferences.   |
|  | As a building principal, I am pleased to know this much about videoconferencing...It is not so important that I know all the technical things, but enough so I can be supportive to my teachers.  |
|  | Being able to meet and talk with the teachers before working on the projects.   |
|  | Being able to not only hear about vc, but being part of it. The connection with the other sites, and watching Janine bridge connections with places like Namibia...It was very hands on, and we all were able to try things on our own.   |
|  | By far!!! ASK. I love this strategy. I love the ideas that were shared and would like to see more of us creating and sharing ASK-type sessions. This is where the true power of video conference technology bridges a need for students (and teachers).   |
|  | Connecting to the other people around the nation.   |
|  | Creating the project was the most valuable. Especially one that could be used right away at my school.  |
|  | Group activities were a good experience. It helped and we were able to learn more within our own group!   |
|  | I am ready to get started this fall with school in my district simply becasue of my first hand, hands on experience here this summer.   |
|  | I feel that using the equipment was most valuable. This will certainly help me during the videoconferences this year.   |
|  | I feel very comfortable facilitating a vc. The "drilling" of the etiquette...roll call, muting, presets...I'll have to teach the others I meet with.  |
|  | I gained a lot of confidence, and that is something that I desperately needed in terms of video conferencing.   |
|  | I liked that each small group was responsible for making the connection to the partnering school. I also liked that Janine traveled to each group so she was available for questions or clarifications dealing with our group project. This quickly helped me see how easy it is to connect with others, fix small technical problems while working and programing the presets on the remote. |
|  | I really valued the group project. So many times we go to workshops and don't have time to implement what we have learned. This workshop allowed us to incorporate what we learned as we were doing it.   |

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I think conversing with others in different parts of the state and country and experiencing what the students experience is probably the best part of the course.

I think that the interaction among everyone and hands on feeling was super.

I think the binder and the experiencing the projects firsthand was valuable. I will never forget the veteran who spoke to us, his opinions & experiences will stick with me forever. I also loved the Shane Howard thing even though I probably wouldn't use it, it was still entertaining.

Learning how to collaborate with my partners in Texas. I also found reading and then reflecting on the reading a beneficial exercise.

Learning how to vc with another site.

Learning skype and google docs.

Learning ways to use it.

Meeting new people in other places that I can connect with for video conferences. Actually connecting with various groups was great. Getting past the technical stuff and actually doing the real activities. I learned so much and feel more comfortable now than I did.

Practice and collaboration

Roxanne and Shane know their stuff!!!!!!

Seeing how the different uses of the videoconferences are applied. The last day, where the small groups presented their projects, was very helpful. I was able to see that this "tool" could be used within our district, perhaps between our high schools.

Seeing more ways to utilize Video Conferencing.

Seeing people who were "newbies" just jump in and get started without hesitation and the excitement that grows through the week.

The ASK conference and the Mystery Challenge. Both were awesome in totally different ways.

The ASK project was something that was new to me. I really like how they tied together elements that teachers use on an individual basis; however the best part of it was pushing students to think critically and at higher levels.

The ASK project.....actually all of the ideas.....just seeing a variety of projects...

The Vietnam veteran was the most valuable. It made me think about something I need to be sure to do with my students.

The actual hands on experiences. I will remember them much better than listening or reading how to do them!

The fact that I have added an additional piece of technology into my "tool bag". Although I am not in a traditional classroom setting, being trained in video conferencing has allowed me to expand my knowledge base.

The gng session was great. What a wonderful idea!

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|  | The interaction over google docs was most innovative. It is a tool that I am sure to incorporate in my teaching.   |
|  | The most valuable experience was the networking that occurred between the members of the various groups.   |
|  | The most valuable experience I had while participating in the 123VC course was meeting other teachers that are interested in participating in VCs and being able to use the information we learned to put an actual usable project together.   |
|  | The most valuable experience for me was being able to see how others use videoconferencing.  |
|  | The most valuable part of the course were the simulations. Even though I had attended workshop sessions on videoconferencing before, those were more of a "talking head" type of presentation. The way this class was conducted, with so much interaction and class participation, it really put me in the role that I will be asking my students to fulfill. It was challenging, exciting and powerful!   |
|  | The reflection section of the day was a time for me to internalize everything.   |
|  | The small group collaborations and learning how to plan vc ideas and find other partners on my own.  |
|  | This is very difficult to answer. Even as we watched the ending video, I was thinking how much I enjoyed each of the events. I think the most valuable experience was the participation of the events, especially the ASK project. At the same time, I loved the resources that you provided.  |
|  | Too many to go into. I loved the hands on approach and the fact that we could "play" with our "new toys" during the conference. (SKYPE & Google)   |
|  | Viewing the African Conference   |
|  | Wow ... that's tough! I think that on a personal level, participating in the GNG discussion was enlightening -- and that was a videoconference between somewhat similar groups! I can imagine what kind of responses and experiences can be had between groups with major differences. As an educator, I found that the Singing With Shane presentation was the most valuable experience I had this week. This presentation was right on my grade level, and it was fun! I'm already thinking of where I can incorporate this presentation in my lesson plans! |
|  | Ideas for vc   |
|  | Just learning about the capabilities and the opportunities and ideas of how to prepare for a video conference.   |
|  | Meeting other people   |
|  | Not being afraid to get started  |



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| Please share anything else you would like. We value your feedback! | Although I was leary of giving up a week of summer vacation, I am very glad I did. I enjoyed meeting with other locations and feel that I have strengthened my knowledge of vc.  |
|  | Ashton's energy and drive is fabulous. What an outstanding class.  |
|  | Everything!  |
|  | Excellent week. I'd do it again in a minute!!!!  |
|  | Great Workshop. Lots of hands-on, modeling, networking. This is what all workshops should be!  |
|  | I am new to VC, so most of the info was new to me, and I am so excited about moving forward with videoconferencing as soon as we get the hardware.   |
|  | I appreciate you doing this course and I am thankful that I got chosen to do it. I am really excited about videoconferencing and can't wait to get some of the teachers on my campus involved. Thanks for everything I am sure I will need you on speed dial.  |
|  | I can't tell you how much I appreciate the catered lunches and the snacks and the well organized binder, the flashdrive, the spiral bound book that is being mailed to us. It is so nice to be treated like a professional instead of a child. I will recommend this training to everyone---I learned so much about how to enhance my curriculum. The 5 days flew by and I never regretted signing up for this. I love learning new things, which I definitely did! Thank you so much for your hard work & accomodating attitude. It made a huge impression on me. |
|  | I didn't answer #16 because "Just right" was not a choice.   |
|  | I enjoyed the whole week, great job!   |
|  | I enjoyed this workshop and have a lot of information to use this year.  |
|  | I now have some homework to do. I am not very computer "literate," but I have learned through this workshop that videoconferencing would be an excellent activity for my high school Biology and Aquatic Science students, especially since many of my students need to connect to different people and different communities.   |
|  | I really enjoyed being exposed to all the resources that we were able to experience. This helps build a bank or resources that can hopefully be used in the future as I convince other teachers to use videoconferencing. Thanks for everything. This was an outstanding workshop! A phase two would be awesome. I think putting more projects together would be awesome. That way you might have a "collection" to reference throughout the year.   |
|  | I want more classes like this offered at the Buckner building this fall.   |
|  | I would like to see more training on video conferencing that is geared toward the various content areas.   |

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It is tough to devote a week to a workshop. I am on contract and knew that things would be stacking up at work. However, this was a great decision to be here. I am so glad I did not miss the opportunity to attend. It has provided me a wealth of materials and ideas, but has also given me the enthusiasm I need to start another year. I appreciated receiving access to the website to be better prepared. I hate to see the week end. I agree with the comment that another course be created. The group sharing was very helpful. I hope to stay in touch with some of the class members as resources and contacts. Bringing in the food helped us to make better use of our time. We had a wonderful site group and facilitators. Thanks for all of your work to prepare and facilitate.

It's great that you have extra folks behind the scenes suggesting little things to make it go smoothly. The Skype conversations really helped, without interrupting activities. I love Skype and hope everyone is on it later!

Ken and October great job as our Facilitators in Lamar.

Ken Conn rocks!! Thanks so much for all your planning!! You truly thought of everything and got it covered. I feel very blessed to have the scholarship to attend and have meals covered too.

Many thanks to Ken and October and all the other facilitators who helped to make this such a fantastic experience. I appreciate your time and efforts!

More people from outside Texas participating. A follow up class, that isn't about how to video conference, but more a networking opportunity so teachers could plan and design activities to be completed during the school year.

Roxanne and Shane are the BEST!!!!!!

Thank You.

Thanks, I had a great week!

The facilitators were so much fun! They made the work seem like a breeze!

This conference was very well organized. I looked forward to each day's activities

This has been an amazing experience. I have enjoyed every bit of it! I really appreciate that all levels of education were incorporated -- usually, when I go to tech workshops, Kindergarten is severely under-represented and therefore overlooked. I love that you included presentations that specifically targeted those younger age groups. I also really enjoyed the immersion method that was used in this workshop. I believe that the best way to learn it is by doing it, and this was right up my alley! I am going to recommend this workshop to anyone who will listen!

This was wonderful! I am so glad I took this class!

This workshop lived up to and exceeded my expectations! I have many ideas to take back to my campus and to work with various teachers and curriculum areas.

We had lots of fun!

Wonderful conference, I feel better than I did on Monday.

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|  | I would like a class on just hooking up different types of web cams, over heads etc. to the Polycom unit. |
|  | You are so positive that I feel like I could be sucessful at this!!!                                      |
|  | Love all the resources  |
|  | Loved it  |
|  | Thank you   |