

## 123VC Evaluation Report - June/July 2011

<u>Evaluation Items</u>	<u>Answers</u>	<u>Number of Answers - June</u>	<u>Number of Answers - July</u>
From which site did you attend?	Berrien RESA	13	
	CNYRIC		6
	EduTech	4	
	El Paso ISD	7	14
	Killeen ISD		4
	Lamar CISD		3
	REMC 1		4
	SD73, Kamloops	0	
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	24	31
The pre-class reading assignments helped set the stage for the first day.	Strongly Agree	2	4
	Agree	14	18
	Disagree	1	0
	Strongly Disagree	0	0
	I didn't read them.	4	8
Modeling and doing the different videoconferencing scenario activities provided me with a solid understanding of videoconferencing.	Strongly Agree	17	22
	Agree	6	8
	Disagree	0	0
	Strongly Disagree	1	0
<b>Please rate the following videoconferencing scenario activities:</b>			
Exchange Projects	Great	21	20
	Good	3	7
	All Right	0	1
	I didn't do it.	0	2
Math Marvels	Great	15	14
	Good	8	9
	All Right	1	6
	I didn't do it.	0	0
MysteryQuest	Great	23	21
	Good	1	6
	All Right	0	3
	I didn't do it.	0	0
ASK	Great	18	27
	Good	5	2
	All Right	1	1
	I didn't do it.	0	0
The video clips helped further my understanding of how videoconferencing works.	Strongly Agree	16	18
	Agree	6	11
	Disagree	1	1
	Strongly Disagree	0	0
<b>Please rate the following videoconferencing video clips:</b>			
The Videoconference Zone	Great		11
	Good		13
	All Right		3
	I didn't see it.		2
Virtual Field Trips Take Off	Great	17	12
	Good	5	14
	All Right	0	1

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	I didn't see it.	2	3
<i>Math Marvels</i>	Great	12	14
	Good	9	14
	All Right	2	2
	I didn't see it.	1	0
<i>MysteryQuest</i>	Great	19	19
	Good	4	10
	All Right	0	1
	I didn't see it.	1	0
<i>ASK</i>	Great	17	18
	Good	6	7
	All Right	0	3
	I didn't see it.	1	1
<b>The afternoon presentations provided me with some valuable information.</b>	Strongly Agree	15	19
	Agree	9	11
	Disagree	0	0
	Strongly Disagree	0	0

**Please rate the following afternoon presentations:**

<i>Fort Worth Museum of Science and History</i>	Great	13	19
	Good	9	11
	All Right	1	0
	I didn't see it.	1	0
<i>Kigluait Educational Adventures</i>	Great	17	
	Good	7	
	All Right	0	
	I didn't see it.	0	
<i>Alter Enterprise</i>	Great		6
	Good		14
	All Right		9
	I didn't see it.		0
<i>Whirlidurb</i>	Great	16	22
	Good	6	6
	All Right	2	2
	I didn't see it.	0	0
<i>Cleveland Museum of Natural History</i>	Great	18	16
	Good	6	11
	All Right	0	2
	I didn't see it.	0	0
<i>Global Nomads Group</i>	Great	16	18
	Good	7	9
	All Right	1	3
	I didn't see it.	0	0
<i>The Mariner's Museum</i>	Great	20	11
	Good	4	12
	All Right	0	6
	I didn't see it.	0	0
<i>Columbus Zoo</i>	Great	23	
	Good	0	
	All Right	0	
	I didn't see it.	1	
<i>LEARNnco</i>	Great		16
	Good		9

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	All Right		2
	I didn't see it.		2
I enjoyed working with people from a distance on our class project.	Strongly Agree	21	22
	Agree	3	2
	Disagree	0	0
	Strongly Disagree	0	0
I felt comfortable meeting with my class project group through videoconferencing/skype.	Strongly Agree	18	18
	Agree	6	11
	Disagree	0	1
	Strongly Disagree	0	0
Using the blog was a good way to reflect about our experiences in the class.	Strongly Agree	14	13
	Agree	9	15
	Disagree	1	1
	Strongly Disagree	0	0
I plan on signing up with at least one of the videoconferencing listservs/collaboration sites that we discussed.	I already did!	3	6
	Yes	18	17
	I'm not sure.	2	5
	No	1	1
The Jazz website was a good way to host and deliver the class information.	Strongly Agree	19	18
	Agree	5	12
	Disagree	0	0
	Strongly Disagree	0	0
GoogleDocs and GoogleSites was a good way to publish the group project information.	Strongly Agree	21	22
	Agree	3	7
	Disagree	0	0
	Strongly Disagree	0	1
I see the benefit of using videoconferencing with my students.	Strongly Agree	21	25
	Agree	2	5
	Disagree	0	0
	Strongly Disagree	0	0
The length of the course was...	Too Short...I would like to have had much more time.	3	4
	Good...although I would like to have had a little more time.	7	11
	Perfect!	9	10
	Good...although I would like to have had a little less time.	4	4
	Too Long...I was ready to go home on Monday morning.	1	1
Please evaluate the overall knowledge of the facilitators.	Very knowledgeable	20	29
	Knowledgeable	3	1
	Somewhat Knowledgeable	0	0
	Clueless	0	0
I found the content of the training session to be...	Very relevant to my job	17	20
	Relevant to my job	5	9
	Somewhat relevant to my job	1	1
	Not relevant to my job	0	0
Would you recommend the 123VC course to others?	Yes	20	29
	Maybe	1	1
	No	0	0
Overall, I found the 123VC course to be...	Very Helpful	20	26
	Helpful	4	4

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	All Right	0	0
	Frustrating	0	0
	<b><u>Answers - June</u></b>	<b><u>Answers - July</u></b>	
<b>If you could modify one thing about 123 VC what would it be, and how would you do it?</b>			
<b>Berrien RESA</b>	<p>More time operating equipment</p> <p>I really liked every aspect of the training. Maybe an overview of the other programs that were offered through the museums would be nice to see how they relate to our curriculum at different grade levels.</p> <p>It would be nice two have a level 2 class.</p> <p>I cannot think of anything, honestly. It was an excellent class.</p> <p>I felt the program was well planned and I wouldn't change the format. I enjoyed the interaction tremendously!</p> <p>Being able to have just a bit more time for asking questions but understand due to time constraints</p> <p>More time to work in small groups.</p> <p>Skype. I still am not very comfortable with that. I had trouble with getting it to work right, though and that added to the difficulty. I understand that the conference can't individualize time for things like this.</p> <p>The length of time, I wish I would have had more time to learn more about Googledocs, skype and VC providers.</p> <p>The time you spent working with your group.</p> <p>Showing how to operate the polycom using the document reader by the presenter before having time to use it in small groups.</p> <p>More time to exchange talking with other sites.</p>		
<b>CNYRIC</b>		<p>A little more project time, about an hour more.</p> <p>Have facilitators work more with small groups to make sure everyone is creating an advertisement for their project, instead of a review. It might make the presentations go faster.</p> <p>Demo all the jobs before taking them on</p> <p>I wish I could have been a little bit more "computer savy" before starting the class, but everyone was very helpful.</p>	
<b>EduTech</b>	<p>Get us up and moving more. Maybe taking an hour for lunch just to stand up and clear our minds a bit. By the end of the day, we were fried!</p> <p>For me, the ideal length of this experience would be 3 days. I have not encountered many 5-day trainings in my career, and this is a lot to ask. Parts that could be cut are the explanations of etiquette (not needed on both Days 1 and 2), some of the local group time, blog reflections, and a few quest speakers. The most valuable parts were the group projects, time to chat with participants from other cities, and showcasing a variety of guest speakers. Also, I liked how the Kamploops group arranged their desks in a circle, rather than in rows. This may sound minor, but I felt that our group had a more disconnected vibe throughout the week, and I think a circular table arrangement might have fostered more collaboration.</p>		

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	I would start the first day out by having it be more about the basics of video conferencing and where to find information and to let the group know about the goals of the week. Just going over etiquette right away isn't helpful if you don't even know what video conferencing is and what it can do. The details of video conferencing don't have to go into but at least some basic knowledge would be helpful. I knew all of the basics when I came in and can see how other teachers would have been confused about doing video conferencing. Also a list of printed resources on where to go for basics would be helpful.	
El Paso ISD	More time	I would explore more of the ask program
	Same setup or All small groups loaded with all options!!	the Golbal nomads and the ASK conference were my favorites
	The small group projects felt very rushed. It felt like we didn't have enough time to get things done, but I can't really think of something that I would have cut to make more time. Maybe just provide a disclaimer at the beginning that you're trying to fit as much into the week as possible so that we can take it back and apply it in our classrooms.	Not sure I could modify it without taking out something that is already very valuable. Everything was great. The timing was great; that is, nothing too long or too short.
	I would request that their be a little more clarification of the expectations of the final project. From speaking to other groups there was quite a bit of discussion regarding, "What do they really want us to produce". Also, using a tool like a forum or edmodo might be able to turn the reflections into more of a discussion.	I believe I would assure that everyone take on all of the roles. I believe some individuals slipped through the cracks and their vested interest caused some deviations. It would also be helpful if the facilitators entered each of the break out sessions because ours had trouble running smoothly. It would have been great to have a neutral party to keep us in check.
		The small group project needs to be narrowed in focus. Trying to create an entire lesson plan and background is overwhelming and I think it is difficult to grasp the intent of the lesson. I think it would be helpful for the groups to conduct a mini video conference in which the groups are participating. For example, I would have liked to just conduct a game (jeopardy, Who Wants to be a Millionaire, etc.) that would be the culminating activity in a week long study.
	I am a hard copy kind of person and would have appreciated hard copies of the e-mail addresses and skype addresses of all the participants.	
	I would like some type of reminder for each location to MUTE their mic. Maybe a tent with MUTE written on it to put on the table or hanging down from the screen. Often we heard the "private" conversations of another group.	The down time that existed. I realize it was due to the time difference.
		I would cut it down to a max of two days. You could accomplish this by cutting down the Exchange Projects, Math Marvels, MysteryQuest as well as the Etiquette. They were all very informative, but very long.
		Make it longer to two weeks, but the timing was good for experts; but hard to follow for novices.
		I think that it was just hard coming in so early and I am aware that it's because of EST.
Killeen ISD		More time to work on the projects and just a have more time to present.... Thank you.
		Give us more time to do projects. Cut out a lot of the different parts so that we can spend more time on the projects.
		Print a separate brief and concise outline of the weekly activities.
		better understanding of the VC project between locations
		Initially, I was overwhelmed but felt very relaxed after the first day. I was able to relax because Deb was very helpful and put me at ease.
		I would need more time to asses, but at the moment, I have no suggestions.

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		I would not modify any content - this really covered so many aspects of VC and I think that is important. I would suggest to keep groups small 4-6 max.
Lamar CISD		Make it just a bit longer Make the small group presentations smaller. 2-3 people. It would narrow down the grade levels and everyone could share their ideas more easily. Some kind of follow up during the year to make sure we are implementing what we learned.
REMC 1		more time  I think the only thing that I would modify would be to reinforce to the participants that VC would be used with students, and not necessarily with peers. The knowledge may help teachers focus on exactly what they would do with their class, rather than trying to model activities that we adults do.  Just a little more time in the morning to get prepared for the group activity. I can not think of any thing I would change
SD73, Kamloops		
Please describe the most valuable experience you feel that you had while participating in the 123VC course.		
Berrien RESA	Readings and seeing different types of conferences It was a good experience for me to actually work with the technology hands on: Flickr, Google Docs, using the remote, etc. That is what I need the most help with! The most valuable part of this week was the time to search and explore between learning new things!! Also having Janine right there to ask when I had questions. I think having time to explore all the web sites and search for vc's for next year Working in collaboration with others from across the country to develop a presentation. The introductions and explanations to all the VC sites was very insightful and helpful to me implementing them into my curriculum next year. I can't wait to sign up! I've learned so much throughout this course, THANK YOU!  During the GNG and ASK programs, I found it fascinating how the perspectives of each group varied so greatly due to their own experiences with each topic. It really creates empathy and understanding from others because we could feel, hear, and see how it affected them. I know that I never would have known some of the information that was shared either...human smuggling through Canada for example. Participating in the simulations. I loved seeing the programs that are out there. Definitely, the guest speakers (content providers and ASK.) I have a list of programs that I would love to have my class be involved in because of the information given from this week. Learning about the minigrant videoconferences. The information you told us about mini grants. Grant writing to me always sounded so scary in the past. Janine made me feel more comfortable about writing one. Mysteryquest, and ASK Program - Mostly likely to use these or show other teachers how to sign-up for CAP Space. Interacting with the other sites and talking with the guest speakers.	

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CNYRIC		<p>interactive technology and it's flexibility... along with it's limitations.</p> <p>Completing a usable project, not just hearing about it.</p> <p>The exposure to the wealth of resources available to assist us in using vc with my students.</p> <p>It was good to see how the world is able to come into the classrooms.</p> <p>taking part in each days conference</p> <p>The variety of programs available</p>
EduTech	<p>OMG!!! Such useful information! I have never Skyped or been on Google Docs, and I am hooked. Can't wait to share with others!</p> <p>I really had a lack of knowledge on VC until I came into Jazz. I feel as though our school can so benefit from all of the resources that are out there. I look forward to going to our school and sharing all the wonderful ideas that I learned in Jazz!</p> <p>I really appreciated the time to collaborate with participants from the other sites. Getting the chance to hear from teachers from other cities demonstrated the power of possibility. This helped me see how you could use the tool to help students become global citizens.</p> <p>The most valuable experience was participating in the projects part of the day to help understand what it would be like in the classroom for teachers.</p>	
El Paso ISD	<p>Facilitating a multi-point presentation!!</p> <p>Being exposed to the multiplicity of activities that are available and also of activities the facilitator must keep in mind at all times.</p> <p>I especially liked the presentations from Kigluait Educational Adventures and Global Nomads. I think those would be fantastic experiences for my students.</p> <p>I think that meeting the facilitators and other groups was probably the most valuable to me as a Technology Coordinator. From the standpoint of life enriching experiences, I would have to say the opportunity to go sledding live and be able to give the dogs the commands was pretty amazing.</p> <p>The far reaching scope of video conferencing, truly the world is a click away.</p> <p>Learning and sharing w/ others</p>	<p>The ask Program.</p> <p>collaborating with other educators via video.</p> <p>I thought The Wall videoconference was very moving and meaningful. It is too bad it would be impossible to do this type of presentation with every student.</p> <p>I enjoyed viewing all the possibilities and resources.</p> <p>The Green Beret interaction was very worthwhile. I also liked the math presentation on loops.</p> <p>The knowledge I gained from all of it.</p> <p>The connections we've made.</p> <p>Learning a new way to teach.</p> <p>Learning how to semi-use the equipment</p> <p>Meeting the educators and sharing ideas...</p> <p>I really enjoyed learning from the other sites.</p> <p>Collaborating with teachers within and outside of my district to create a project.</p>
Killeen ISD		<p>Working with the small group to launch a VC.</p> <p>oh my gosh, it is all valuable. loved it!!!</p> <p>Collaboration with like teachers. Building relationships.</p> <p>Since this was the second time I have done this training it was valuable to me to see what I had retained and what else was new. I would repeat this again.</p>
Lamar CISD		<p>I found ASK to be the most valuable.</p> <p>Mysteryquest. It could be used across all content areas and it's very adaptable to all grade levels.</p> <p>Just learning the nuts and bolts of videoconferencing.</p>
REMC 1		<p>the interaction between the sites</p>

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		<p>I think the most valuable thing was connecting with people from different places. If I can see how similar and different we are, imagine what students would see and how permanent that knowledge would become!</p> <p>Really can't say one thing -- it was really the opportunity to do the hands on process.</p> <p>being in control of the remote..pulled it all together for me</p>
<b>SD73, Kamloops</b>		
<b>Please share anything else you would like. We value your feedback!</b>		
<b>Berrien RESA</b>	<p>It was a great week!!!!</p> <p>I thought everyone did a great job. It was very organized and well thought out. You made good use of our time and kept to a schedule. Thank you!</p> <p>I will use the video conference experience in my classroom</p> <p>I thought some of the presentations like GNG while very interesting is no way doable in early ed. Maybe we could have split and saw something else while the teachers of older students saw the GNG</p> <p>I believe that nearly every teacher, eventually will need training for this technology. This is the future of education, in my humble opinion.</p> <p>Please continue to offer this course, educators and students alike will benefit greatly from it!</p> <p>I really enjoyed this class and it went by super fast! I learned much more than I imagined that I would...so THANKS!</p> <p>Excellent class! We learned a TON!!! Thank you!!</p> <p>WOW, this is one of the best conferences I have been to in a long time. It was well worth it and I would recommend it to anyone. It was very teacher-friendly. The week went by quickly. I am taking a lot away that I will use. Not a bunch of stuff that will sit on a shelf. I think I will be able to actually use the information to help colleagues also. Technology is not my strong suit, but I am feeling more and more comfortable especially after this training.</p> <p>I really enjoyed meeting and sharing information with colleagues in my county and in other parts of the country and Canada. Hopefully now I will have more contacts to connect with.</p> <p>More information on wikis</p> <p>MysteryQuest was awesome! (the pd part)</p>	
<b>CNYRIC</b>		<p>An exhausting and exciting week</p> <p>The ASK video audio needs improvement. The overall experience was well worth the time spent. Loved seeing the creativity and diversity among the groups.</p> <p>Nice job folks. A relaxed, structured, engaging learning environment.</p> <p>An amazing week! Thanks to everyone involved!</p> <p>Amy was great! It takes one with a lot of patience to get a diverse group together and keep up the interest and forward motion. She did a wonderful job keeping us on track and motivated. Thanks Amy!!!</p>
<b>EduTech</b>	<p>Excellent programs! This was an amazing conference!!! Way to go ladies!!!</p> <p>I'm glad you decided to add the hour for Q&amp;A at participating sites. This was one of my favorite parts of the experience.</p>	

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	<p>a starter. Also the ASK program was great when we were able to connect and ask the sites different things. I like the ASK program set up but the speaker made me a little hesitant. I understand that he was talking to adults but some of the comments made me very skiddish in thinking about him with students that are very impressionable. I also think even though he was answering our questions (even though I think he avoided some of them) I felt like he was on his own agenda. I would maybe have like it if he said in my opinion I think this instead of expressing that we should listen in order to prepare for the year 2012. It was contradicting to say we should have religion in the schools and then to say that some religions lead you off the path and should be taught. How can you decide what religion is good or not, it is all a perspective. Also just letting students know that this is my perspective and that they should find other perspectives to get the whole story of a race, culture, community, etc. is the only way they can understand the whole picture of the TRUE story. I think the small groups were great but I think the schedule for the small</p>	
El Paso ISD	What a fantastic training - well done!	thank you
	I am so jazzed about using videoconferencing for expanding the learning opportunities for the students and teachers!	I think we could have used more direction about the final project.
	I would really like to thank all of the facilitators and participants. Jazz is a major project for everyone involved, and everyone did a great job to make this a very rewarding and enjoyable experience. THANK YOU!	Ashton is great! We liked to tease her, but she really makes the El Paso program a fun experience.
	It was nice to see that everyone experienced technical difficulties. Too often presenters are just too smooth and that is overwhelming, especially if you are not a techie.	This was a great workshop. Thanks for the opportunity to learn more about video conferencing.
		Great program. I think that smaller group sizes might be more manageable. Thanks Again.
Killeen ISD		Very informative, very very fun. Thanks
		I would like to see a NASA demonstration again. Thanks Y'all for a great training.
		I cannot wait to use this next year. I would love to offer my feedback throughout the year to the July group about my experience with VC throughout the year. A blog maybe?
Lamar CISD		Follow-up.
		Great job!!! I can't wait to use this stuff!!
		This conference got me VERY excited to use VC at my campus. I know the kids will get a lot out of it and so will teachers!
REMC 1		The whole experience was awesome
		I am now so excited for school to start!!! I never thought I'd say that!
		Thank you very much- this is exciting and I can see where it is the future.
SD73, Kamloops		thank you