1. Welcome & Introduction

Members present:

Rick Webb, Fremont Public Schools, Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD, Dena Mayer, Eastern UP ISD, Cindy Lindner, Rochester Community Schools, Bill Thompson, Macomb ISD, Erik Drake, REMC – Ingham ISD, Jason Helsen, Reeths-Puffer Schools, Susan Bordewyk, Forest Hills School District, Joe Polasek, MDE – E-Rate, Nancy Corner, REMC -Ingham ISD, Scott Vugteveen, Kentwood Public Schools, Wanda Ciancio, Oakland Schools and Debbie Kopkau, MSBO

2. Approved minutes from January – Motion Sharpsteen – seconded by Lindner. Minutes approved.

3. Pietro Semiferro – MDE – Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability
   a. Halfway through WIDA testing
   b. Helpdesk – mde-oeaa@michigan.gov
   c. M-Step will start in April. For PSAT for 8th grade will be on paper
   d. Work Keys may be removed. In Legislation now but may take some time and may not take this year.

4. Joseph Polasek – Erate
   a. A lot of funding has been approved.
   b. Funding year 470 window closed on February 20. The 471 is the March 27 at 11:59 pm to be in the window.
   c. The filings have been pretty normal. Maximus is the new group handling PIA. If you need any help because of this switch, please contact Joseph.
   d. There is an increase of $5 million for construction. Working on a grant process that is not run through MEGS for filing for services, special construction.
   e. Filed 470 and selected a vendor to do this work. Let MDE know what you are doing which will trigger the money from the state to pay for the work. The availability of the state money will reduce the USAC. The State of Michigan will fund dollar per dollar. You will fund through the back end after the work is done. The approval for the grand process will go to the State Board of Education for approval in April.
   f. Check the box that the funds are available for this project. No penalty on checking the box on the 471 document.
   g. What is a construction project – one-time cost.
      o Design
      o Build
h. Continued suspension on amortization on construction projects which would be a full discount. Suspended in 2014. The amortization continue indefinitely or discontinue all together. FCC has not ruled.

i. Category 2 – NPRM stated that everyone is happy with how the last five years have gone. This is the last year. Continue to leave this as is. Increase in pupil counts is warranted. Raise in the funding floor is being recommended because the per pupil was not showing that the utilization was increasing. The FCC will be making their rulings soon.

j. Questions – erate@michigan.gov

k. Other documents are posted with these minutes.

5. Erik Drake – REMC – Device Purchasing
   a. A record number of forecasted devices. These numbers go directly to the vendors. Bids are due next week. A statewide committee reviews the bids.
   b. Window for purchasing is April 15 to September 30.
   c. New SPOT software.
      o Purchase upload module is testing now and will be ready soon.
      o SPOT Connect that will allow schools to forecast with each other.
      o Statewide forecast numbers are in SPOT.
   d. REMC will be at MACUL and MSBO with a booth for more information. Theme is 50th anniversary. Many giveaways.

6. Fred Sharpsteen
   a. Visit to FCC
      o Met with FCC and discussed the use of Educational Broadcast Spectrum to help communities and student bridge the internet gap. Met with three commissioners.
      o Speak Up Tomorrow survey clearly shows that this is continued to be a problem.
      o Need FCC to help license Spectrum to use this. FCC would like to sell off the Spectrum so a national provider can pick this up.
      o Patrick from Wayne State has been very influential in helping with the FCC.
      o Look at MDE Title monies to help get connection to students in need and work with School Improvement Team to identify.
   b. Mark Smith, from MACUL will be going to ISTE and CoSN to meet with Legislators in Washington DC in early March to advocate for Michigan.
   c. METL group will take back any questions or need for advocacy.
   d. Project MoonShot with Merit is working with Crowd Sourcing to get students and families better results to testing and how much access they have at home. They want to identify what speed of internet at home. Get some better mapping and have better data.

7. Debbie Kopkau - MSBO

b. Discussed the Cyber Security. Webb mentioned that we may need to have two tracks, one on the technical side for technology directors, and then one on the finance side.

8. Rick Webb – Update on Cyber Security
   a. M-ISIAC updates which will give you some resource on upcoming threats - https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac/

9. Additional item – Mentoring
   a. Sharpsteen discussed setting up Zoom meetings to start building a mentorship.
   b. METL – producing a framework for technology

Upcoming Meetings – Mark Your Calendar

- MACUL Conference – March 20-22 – Cobo Center, Detroit – Early Bird Expires March 6
- MSBO Annual Conference – April 30-May 2 – Amway Grand Plaza Hotel/DeVos Place – Early Bird expires March 15

Future MSBO Technology Meeting Dates

- 3/28/19
- 4/25/19
- 5/23/19
- 6/27/19

Bordewyk motions to end the meeting. Seconded by Helsen. M/C Meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Kopkau, MSBO