MSBO Technology Committee Meeting
May 23, 2019
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm – GoTo Meeting

Chair: Rick Webb, Fremont Public Schools
Co-chair: Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD

1. Welcome & Introduction
   Members present:
   Rick Webb, Fremont Public Schools, Kevin Hustek, Warren Woods Public Schools, Christopher Ewald, Waterford School District, Russ Gerbers, Byron Center Public Schools, Scott Vugteveen, Kentwood Public Schools, Kevin Galbraith, Ingham ISD, Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD, Nancy Couto, Armada Schools, Cindy Lindner and Donny Milovski, Rochester Community Schools, Robert Breedlove, Reed City Area Public Schools, Joe Polasek, MDE, and Pietro Semifero, MDE, and Debbie Kopkau, MSBO

2. Approved minutes from February – Motion Couto – seconded by Hustek. Minutes approved.

4. Pietro Semifero – MDE – Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability
   MSTEP went great. Update security updates in record time. Almost done with testing. An extra week for testing.
   Next Year
   a. No significant changes to testing unless the New Superintendent
   b. New – grade 3 law
   c. PSAT will we continue?
   d. Switching over to Central Office devices. No need to have separate TSM and load balancing.
   e. Most will wait until spring for the new edition.
   f. June 12 Webinar for more information.
   g. Question – would like more step-by-step for converting the TSM to Switching – go to E-direct for last year Webinar for switching over to Center Office. There is a separate chapter for this specific. Eleven percent of the people in the state are using it.

5. Erik Drake – REMC – Device Purchasing
   a. Device Purchasing is going very well. This week we have sold 35,000 devices which is very similar from last year.
   b. Spot Connect – new service. It will allow the schools to connect with other schools to discuss purchasing as a group. We will be look toward this group to try
the Spot Connect before it is launched later this summer.

c. Five-year contracts expires July 1 and REMC will be going out to bid on that. REMC will be ready to go with this bid on July 1. These can be used to buy off of the Spot Bid and other main products will also be on this contract. Physical security is also on this contract.

d. Question – Do the tariffs have a bearing? No, we will be holding pricing the same from what was already set.

e. Question – Apple products. They have had the same contract since 1993. They are not seeing any increase in products since the Device Purchasing.

6. Joe Polasek – E-Rate - MDE

1. Final word on Category 2 on this part of E-Rate. How are you going to deal with budget because we are in the mid-cycle of this. Amortization will be done when the FCC makes the decision which needs to be made for funding year 2020.

2. Grant for service providers only. The grant window opens in July but it is only for service providers. If they are going to help with infrastructure and you hear about it, please contact Joe to help with these conversations.

3. Special grant for construction – 12 applicants currently looking at $350,000 to be spread out with the 12 applicants. Notification to conditional approval is going to be sent out as soon as possible. Working with USAC and FCC to make sure the extra funds and hold harmless any issues since this is the first time this was offered. We are extending the $5million out for five years if the legislature approves to help building out connections.

4. Any questions on this grant, please contact Joe at polasekj3@michigan.gov and telephone 517-335-1291.

5. Calling back funds from USAC since 1998. Contact Joe for any appeal information. Examples:
   a. If your service provider was not recognized as a TELCOM provider, then it was bought out and then the buy out company was not an eligible service.
   b. Service providers were involved in bid process and it should not have been.
   c. 258 instances and 32 entities of applications and notifications are being sent.
   d. All ISD’s tech directors have the information.
   e. Some service providers have paid the co-med but they may be coming back to you

6. Brainstorming for technology levels in professional development
   a. Micro-credentialing
   b. Set of classes for one subject
   c. Skill sets for technology specialist
   d. Expansion in areas that are not covering and maybe MSBO isn’t the organization
   e. Maybe a specialist certification in technology

7. MSBO Conference Review
   a. Kudos from Couto to the MSBO Staff
b. Record numbers – 1631 attendees with 366 exhibit booths  
c. Really liked the Switch Tour. Would like to see more technical review of systems in use access card, video-cameras, backup & recovery cyber, and more.

8. CoSN – finishing up the 501 © 3 paperwork filed. Get ready to make payment and it is a school membership. Lots of good information to share.

9. Mentorship through METL group – still working to get this program going. We have two new people that Fred is working with and can see the need for this. Maybe the micro-credentialing and mentorship can go hand-in-hand. Would like the micro-credentialing for the leadership piece. The professional certifications help for knowledge but not leadership.

Future MSBO Technology Meeting Dates

- 6/27/19

Couto motions to end the meeting. Seconded by Sharpsteen. M/C Meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kopkau, MSBO