MSBO Technology Committee Meeting

October 24, 2019

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Zoom

Chair: Rick Webb, Fremont Public Schools

Co-chair: Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD

1. Welcome & Introductions

Members present:

Attendees: Chris Lamer and Mike Rohwer, Ottawa Area ISD, Ryan Carter, Maner, Erik Drake, REMC, Alex, Ashley Hutchison, Bob Breedlove, Reed City, David Shulkin, Bloomfield Hills School District, Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD, Tom Staten, Montcalm Area ISD, Matt McMahon, Gratiot-Isabella ISD, Ronald Hein, Niles Community Schools, Jerome Ohnui, Troy School District, Kevin Kickbusch, Claire-Gladwin RESD, Lloyd Smith, Fremont Public Schools, Nancy Couto, Armada Area Schools, Nicholas Hay, Monroe County ISD, Ronald Hein, Rochester Community Schools, Rick Webb, Fremont Public Schools, and Debbie Kopkau, MSBO.

2. Approved minutes from September 26 with the change of Nancy Corner to Nancy Couto – Drake makes motion to approve. Seconded by Hein. M/C

3. Presentation from Ottawa Area ISD – Mike Rohwer, Christopher Lamer and Ryan Carter, Maner.

Rohwer, Lamer and Carter shared the catastrophic cyber security attack at Ottawa Area ISD starting June 30 and how it consumed them for several weeks. Outcomes: document who is on the team on this incident and make sure these are kept up-to-date. Incident Command Role is a critical role and should be away from your technical team. Think about who in your organization could provide that role.

Sharpsteen - maybe all groups to come together to form a critical incident team. – MSBO/Michigan Education Technology Leaders (METL)/others.


4. REMC Update - Drake

Waiting on final numbers for device purchasing and will not be available until Thanksgiving. We will get them in January.

Working on purchasing window for next year. Please send feedback to Karen Hairston on the SPOT. Email spot@remc.org.
Professional Development with device purchasing – CDW, Apple, Dell, and Sehi – offers free pd with the purchase of the devices. Apple and Dell will offer PD throughout the state. CDW and Sehi give funds toward device purchasing but not directly providing it.

Upcoming meetings on device purchasing advisory committee – email spot@remc.org. Involves two-days of full-day meetings. January is for writing specifications and another day in March to do onsite evaluation of the products.

Forecasting will start in January for devices. These forecasts help provide the purchases to share with vendors that will help keep the pricing down. Mid-April thru September 30 for bidding.

SPOT Connect. A tool for schools to communicate about aggregated device purchasing. This will be rolled out at the November METL meeting.

Sharpsteen gave kudos to Hairston for re-opening the system to look at purchase orders in the system.

5. Review of MSBO Website.

Webb is asking for documents to add to our Website.

Sharpsteen had mentioned that we create a section on Cyber Security, i.e. policies, etc.

6. Other business:

Sharpsteen – Speak-up Project Tomorrow evaluation - https://tomorrow.org/speakup and it is a tool to get a pulse of how we compare nationally and to other states. The survey goes on for 12 months.

MACUL – Smith reported MACUL Annual Conference Registration is now open at maculconference.org (including workshops - not on web site just yet, but they are in the registration system and people can see the descriptions there)

7. Motion to adjourn Hein. Support Ohnui. Meeting ended 1:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kopkau, MSBO