MSBO Technology Committee Meeting

April 11, 2024

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Zoom

Chair: Rick Webb, Kenowa Hills Public Schools

Vice Chair: Kevin Hustek, Warren Woods Public Schools

1. Welcome & Introductions – Welcoming 39 people online attendees.

2. Approved minutes from March 7, 2024 – Noah Kent motioned to accept the minutes, Susan Case 2nd. M/C

3. E-Rate – Joseph Polasek, MDE

   - The end of filing window was yesterday, April 10, 2024.

   - Do you need to file a waiver? Contact Joe to help you with this. FCC must approve.

   - $40 million more has been filed from previous years. Special construction matching did help with that number.

   - Phase I was included with your 471 for special construction. Phase II will be asking for the details on your specific project. Information will be needed through USAC and will have a part in NexSys.

   - Funding will not be available until July 1.

   - Invoice for 2022 orders. They gave extensions. If not needed, then you need to let them know you will not be using the money so it can be put back into the fund.

   - Invoice for 2023 orders.

   - The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is going away at the end of April.

   - ECF has been seeing some audits. Make sure you know where your equipment is.

4. M-Step and Testing – Kate Cermack, MDE

   - Not a lot of answers but asking DRC about the issues people are running into.

   - Contact service at DRC first and they will be escalated to first and second tier tech support. Follow this process to see if we can get to the root of the problem.

   - Deschaine, Hustek, and Cerrudo reported that there we no issues in their districts.

   - Blackmer reported that Bluebook testing went well.

   - Webb reported showing overloading testing service devices with windows.

   - Would like better benchmarking as the servers are not handling the number of students that were recommended.

   - Cermak will take back information to DRC to get the benchmarking information.

- Webb reported that students with accommodations need to have more training on the tools that are available for testing.

- Coordinator for testing seems to have to look at several screens to find out the status of testing. Asking Cermak to check with DRC to see if they could provide one dashboard.

5. REMC Update and SPOT Bid Program – Erik Drake and Mike Richardson – REMC

- Computer bid is now live - cross tab is available now, planning sheet coming soon. The contract runs April 1 to March 31, 2025, with the Device Purchasing discount term running April 1 to Sept 30.

- Paper bid is now live - cross tab is available now, contract started April 1, some new options available (Quill & ODP), prices going down slightly per case, slightly up per pallet or truck.

- Software bid - cross tab will be avail mid-April, contract starts July 1. The planning document will show all the awarded vendors. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WjyIzXYC_A2z6fiOxXn5A88kufJk5HnF0VZQxrhqTCk/edit#gid=0. Pay attention to Discovery Education pricing.

- Will be at MSBO in April. Stop by…

6. MiSecure.org – Matt McMahon, MAISA
- They have funding for three years to use budget monies for CrowdStrike NDR. This will build support for cyber security throughout the state.

- The ISD participation will share information for licensing for services to all locals. Some locals may be large enough to have their own SID which would work like the ISD. You may be able to receive credit for NDR solution that is on your servers only. Does not include stations.

- The idea is to get all districts on the same page with the same software and setup.
- The SID is a customer ID that will help with onboarding, escalation procedures, and set up a team to help all schools have the same level of security.

- This will help with getting better pricing with a state-wide licensing of CrowdStrike NDR.

- They are planning on signing a contract with CrowdStrike on April 29. MiSecure.org will be the person to role out the licenses. They are hoping to role it out to everyone by mid-May.

- They are expecting that the ISD will be the main user and then they will role it out with the districts so you will see everything. You may need to have a separate MOU so they would only make changes to their own servers.

- There may be discounted pricing to roll it out to EDR to the stations.

- If you signed before April 19 with another company , there will be a process that will be rolled out through the ISD to receive credits.

7. MACUL Update – Mark Smith, MACUL
   - MACUL Conference
   - Great success with
   - UP/MACUL Event is on May 10 – target strands of training and then the afternoon will be a mini-AI session.
   - Symposium coming which will be directed for cybersecurity tools.
   - Michigan SC for October 3-4, 2024, for $99 for both days and scholarship for hotel rooms.

8. MSBO Conference Update – Kopkau
   - Registration is over 1800 attendees with almost 450 exhibit booths. The exhibit show is larger than it has ever been.
   - Technology Pre-conference is on Cybersecurity.
   - MSBO is going to do a survey regarding technology. We are looking for 12 questions to ask. Case mentioned that we should ask for salary if we can't find that it is collected any where else. This will be discussed at future meetings.

9. Future meetings:

   5/9/2024
   6/13/2024

10. Next meeting – May 9, 2024, at 1 pm.

Motioned by Noah Kent - 2nd by Susan. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kopkau - MSBO