

## **MSBO Technology Committee Meeting**

**January 9, 2025**

**1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Zoom**

**Chair: Kevin Hustek, Warren Woods Public Schools**

**Co-chair: Rick Webb, Kenowa Hills Public Schools**

1. Welcome & Introductions – 54 people in attendance.
2. Approved minutes from November 14, 2024 – Mike Suitor motioned to accept the minutes; Laura Terbrack - 2nd. M/C
3. E-Rate Update – Joseph Polasek, MDE
  - EPC Profile Admin Window closes today
    - i. Profiles will lock at midnight ahead of the Form 471 filing window opening
    - ii. Any changes needed after today must go through the Customer Service Desk at USAC
  - Form 471 Application Window opens 1/15 and closes...DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
  - Matching Fund grant update
    - i. 2024: Still waiting on a few approvals of FY 2024 projects, but initial awards will be routed this week.
  - 2025: Phase I application is LIVE in NexSys
    - i. Instructions are included in the application
    - ii. Once complete and approved, applicants should include the Letter of Conditional Approval with their FY 2025 Form 471 application to ensure that the calculated award includes the additional E-Rate discount leveraged by the state match!
4. REMC Update and Spot Bid Program –Mike Richardson, REMC
  - Technology and Furniture launched January 1, new products/prices/vendors/
  - Some former REMC vendors are no longer under contract, some new vendors, check to ensure procurement compliance
  - Some of the new items on contract:
    - i. large format displays
    - ii. APC UPSs
    - iii. AI teaching assistants on Interactive White Boards
    - iv. Hamilton Buhl STEM products
  - CDW now HP printer vendor (Sehi now selling Xerox printers)
  - HP printer supplies from Precision Data - extended pricing, online ordering/cc/fast delivery/lowest prices
  - Computer bid and spring paper bid are both open, contracts will start April 1 (awarded March 11)

- We will be exhibiting at MACUL and MSBO, come see us
5. METL Cybersecurity Task Force Update – Matt McMahon, MiSecure.org
- **Misecure Task Force**
    - i. A task force of METL (ISD Tech Directors)
    - ii. Made up of volunteer IT professionals as well as partner, non-K12 cybersecurity professionals
    - iii. This team has developed several tools to improve K12 cybersecurity, all available at: [www.misecure.org](http://www.misecure.org)
    - iv. The task force is working on Incident Response Planning tools for 2025.
  - **MiSecure Operations Team**
  - A funded project for at least 3 years
  - Includes CrowdStrike Falcon Complete MDR for all ISD, LEA and PSA servers
  - Licenses thru 6/30/2027
  - Perhaps longer if funding allows
  - Cybersecurity team – [misecure@gomaisa.org](mailto:misecure@gomaisa.org)
    - i. Eric Feldhusen - Cybersecurity Analyst
    - ii. Matt McMahon - Project Director – [mmcmahon@gomaisa.org](mailto:mmcmahon@gomaisa.org)
    - iii. Mike Schonert - Cybersecurity Analyst
    - iv. Zach Taylor - Cybersecurity Analyst
  - This team monitors CrowdStrike console during regular school hours
  - Supports your use, onboarding, detections, incidents, etc. of the product
  - CrowdStrike MDR includes 24x7x365 monitoring of servers where the sensor is installed
  - Schools can purchase more MDR licenses as well as EDR or simple AV, just reach out to Beth Soggs: [bsoggs@gomaisa.org](mailto:bsoggs@gomaisa.org) or anyone from the team.
  - MiSecure will provide the quote/invoice and purchasing directions. Pretty simple process and the best pricing you'll get
  - MiSecure has actively worked on 6 incidents in 2024 (really 8/24-12/24)
  - In the best case, servers were isolated due to ransomware activity, local district team notified & assembled with MiSecure. By EOD, they were able to completely remove all traces of the attacker and change passwords to ensure non-repeat. Great story.

- Another, less ideal case was discussed at MAEDS with Lenawee ISD. Slides available from MAEDS. The point being that CrowdStrike is one component in a complete cybersecurity effort.
- In another case, MiSecure reached out a district with an oddly high number of failed logins which helped them to identify and exposed VPN server - a potentially serious problem
- Our policy is to not publicize the victim unless we have explicit approval from them or if it becomes generally known.
- MiSecure is reminding all LEAs and PSAs that they are eligible to participate, even if the ISD isn't or if the ISD hasn't notified them. Just reach out to us.
- Working on cybersecurity tools and purchasing options for solutions like Lumu, DarkTrace and Abnormal Identity Protection

#### 6. MACUL – Tammy Maginity, Executive Director

- MACUL Awards Applications are open - <https://macul.org/awards/>
- Due January 10
- [Information and guidelines](#) -
- Awards are presented at the 2025 MACUL Annual Conference
- Board and Learning Area Nominations- <https://macul.org/nominations/>
- Applications Due by January 10, 2025
- Spread the word to people you think would be interested to be a part of the MACUL team.
- 2026 MACUL Annual Conference will be the 50th Annual Event!
  - i. Conference Theme- **Celebrating our Past, Innovating our Future - 50 Years of MACUL** - Grand Rapids - Amway Grand/DeVos Place
- General Conference Update- [Website](#)
- Registration is open- [Link](#)
- March 19-21, 2025: Huntington Place, Detroit Michigan
- Hotels are open for [reservations](#)
- Sponsor and Exhibitor Opportunities are [Available](#)
- Workshops are published and can be added to registration- [Link](#)
  - i. Two 3-hour workshops focusing on counselors and tech - Spread the word
  - ii. Leslie Fisher, Tony Vincent and John Sowash have workshops and are featured speakers
  - iii. Two MSBO workshops- Educational Data Management: A Primer for Michigan Technology Leaders and Security/Disaster Recovery
  - iv. Cybersecurity Session with METL
- MACUL Reception on March 20 will be at Detroit [Barcade](#)! FUN!
- Feel free to connect with me- [Link](#)
- MSBO Certification Classes will be offered at the MACUL Conference on March 19, 2025
  - i. Security/Disaster Recovery

- ii. MSBO is piloting a new class called Educational Data Management. A Primer for Michigan Technology Leaders on March 19, 2025, in Detroit. It can be used as elective credit.

Next meeting February 13, 2025, at 1 pm.

Chris Cerrudo motions to adjourn. Seconded by Danny Laetham. M/C

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kopkau, MSBO