MSBO Technology Committee Meeting

October 8, 2020

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Chair: Rick Webb, Fremont Public Schools

Co-chair: Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD

1. Welcome & Introductions

   Members present:

   Attendees: Rick Webb - Fremont Schools, Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD, Erik Drake, REMC, Nancy Corner, REMC, Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD, Jeff Trudell, Wyandotte Public Schools, Jim Rarus, Wayne RESA, David Tschozewski, Kenowa Hills Public Schools, Julie Omer, Owosso Public Schools, Theron Nesbitt, Vassar Public Schools, Anita Banach, Anchor Bay Public Schools, Jennifer Daws, Capac Community Schools, Ben Courtade, Traverse Bay Area ISD, Bob Breedlove, Reed City Public Schools, Cindy Lindner, Rochester Community Schools, David Shulkin, Bloomfield Hills Schools, Michael Suitor, Alcona Community Schools, Ben Grimes, Coloma Schools, Mark Salzer, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Steven Curry, Michigan Dept of Education, Nancy Couto, Armada Area Schools, Sherry McVay, Dewitt Public Schools, Scott Vugteveen, Kentwood Public Schools, R Gross, Jeff Smucker, Hudsonville Public Schools, Russ Gerbers, Byron Center Public Schools, Mark Smith, MACUL, Jay Bosworth, Pinconning Area Schools and Jeff Bennett, Charlotte Public Schools

2. Approved minutes from June 2020 – Rimes makes motion to approve. Seconded by Omer. M/C. Kopkau will add the school districts to the minutes.

3. Drake – Device purchasing – 152,000 sold this year with 163,000 last year. Selling more devices but were sent through other channels. Other computer contracts are in place through 2024. Same supply chain restraints are still in place. Buyer beware in these days

   Corner - New contract January 1, 2021 for PPE. Office Depot did not bid so they will not be available in 2021 but we do have many new vendors. Working with MAISA on PA 123 (SB690). More information to follow.

4. Semifero – MSTEP as planned since a waiver may not be approved until February or March so we need to plan on testing. Wida testing this winter will happen. Devices reaching end of life for online testing. Schools need to get new devices, but the devices are out of stock. Changes for this year's testing is a newer version of Chrome. Chrome OS 83 is the last version needed for testing. iPads are getting close to end of life. More details can be found at "Testing Technology: Top Issues and Solutions" in the MDE Spotlight newsletter: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Spotlight_10-1-20_704063_7.pdf
   Hold off Chrome OS 86 for Wida testing as it is a problem with graphics.

You can get away from low minimum standards on hardware, but you have to meet the Chrome OS 83 standard, or you will not be able to test.

5. Polasek – message from Joe. Unable to make it today.
   Erate window open until 10/16/2020. Category One filing opportunity

I wanted to pass along an E-Rate training opportunity from our good friends at the State Educational Technology Directors Association. I will be joining several of my fellow E-Rate State Coordinators from around the country in leading these trainings and I could not be more excited. From SEDTA:

SETDA has launched the new E-Rate Training Series: Ask the State Experts. These trainings are designed to support the applications and implementation of the E-Rate program for school, district, consortium and library leaders. The information will further support the processes, rules, and strategies for applicants to be successful in maximizing the available reimbursements for Funding Year 2021. Below are the specific dates and topics. Participants will have access to both the live sessions and session archives and may choose the fall, winter or a combination package.

The format of the trainings will be 90-minute online, interactive sessions launching October 22 and running monthly through April, 2021. These trainings will be conducted by leaders from SETDA's E-Rate Collaborative, a subset of the SETDA membership, who are subject matter experts on the topic of E-Rate and include state E-rate Coordinators and their staff. Registration and additional details are available online via this link.

Fall Session
October 22

- Welcome Newbies (E-rate overview)
- The EPC Portal and the Administrative Window

November 5

- C1 Procurement and the Form 470
- C2 Procurement and the Form 470

December 3

- Bid Evaluation and Vendor Selection/Interaction
- Contracts

Winter Session

Jan 7

- Form 471 Category 2
- Form 471 Category 1

Feb 11

- Changes: RAL, Service Substitutions, SPIN Changes
- Questions and Review, PIA interaction, Audits

April 1

- Post Commitment, Document Retention, Appeals
- April 1 - Forms 486 & 472

6. Smith – MACUL – Virtual events, standard exhibit hall, the presenters request is soon to end. This will still be coming up in March 2021.

   Assistive technology chat on October 14. Tech leadership group is doing a book study with Tom Murray on October 15. More events in November. Check out MACUL at www.macul.org

7. Topics for MSBO Conference
   1. How to teach students to troubleshoot their own device. Maybe using Google and YouTube?
   2. What about now that I am connected to the data hub, what is next? Or what can it do? How can I make it useful to me? Speaker: Don Dailey
   3. Modernize mass communication, Exports, SSO with SIS
   4. Broadband in the community and Equity through equal access. How do we get this off center to getting Access for students. I believe we need to be the driving force.
   5. How has the tech support changed since COVID? What are some best practices?

Town Hall Discussion

Broadband Discussion

Sharpsteen – Discussion on the difference in broadband. One issue is the students who have access are taking advantage of hotspots instead of taking advantage of the service near them which leaves the ones with no internet no access to hotspots. How can we help with this connectivity? https://legiscan.com/MI/bill/HB4288/2019

Webb- google remote desktop support.

Courtade - It is a combination here. Most of the hotspot requests are for low income families that have other service options like Spectrum. But we also have a bunch of spots where the

only option is ViaSat, which is not a great remote learning experience. Looking forward to Starlink coming out more broadly.

Communication ideas

From Salzar - We're using Edulink. We use social media and post a banner when needed on our website as well.

From Breedlove - Reed City - We switched to Apptegy in March. We are really liking it! https://www.apptegy.net/home.html

From Bennett - Charlotte Public Schools switched to Appazur for smartphone app and mass communications. Part of FoxBright.

From Couto – Armada is using Honeywell for our Instant Alerts, but using Facebook and our website for posting letters for information on Covid cases

Couto motions to end meeting at 2:15 pm seconded by Bennett. M/C

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kopkau, MSBO