

MSBO Technology Committee Meeting

October 14, 2021

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Zoom

Chair: Rick Webb, Fremont Public Schools

Co-chair: Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD

1. Welcome & Introductions

Members present:

Attendees: Rick Webb, Fremont Public Schools, Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD, Jim Rarus, Wayne RESA, Jeremy Smith and Kyle Anderson, West Bloomfield Hills, Lukas Enciso, Van Buren ISD, Michael Partridge, Pinckney Community Schools, Ron Hein, Niles Community Schools, Pietro Semifero, MDE, Mark Deschaine, Grand Ledge Public Schools, Kevin Hustek, Warren Woods Public Schools, Ben Eggenberger, Beal City Schools, Andrew Steinman, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Chris Nelson, Lenawee/Monroe Technology Consortium, Cindy Lindner, Rochester Public Schools, Cory Zemaitis, Guardian Alarm, David Shulkin, Bloomfield Hills School District, David Tchozewski, Kenowa Hills Public Schools, Donny Milovski, Rochester Public Schools, Ian Haight, Paw Paw Public Schools, Jackie Laymac, Carrollton Public Schools, Jay Bosworth, Pinconning Area Schools, Jeff Bennett, Charlotte Public Schools, Jeff Smucker, Hudsonville Public Schools, Jeff Trudell, Wyandotte Public Schools, **Jim Mitchell**, Joe Polasek, MDE – E-Rate, John Milewski, Ionia County ISD, Ken Jacobs, Lincoln Park Public Schools, Kurt Rheaume, Wayne RESA, Marc Wilkinson, Hamtramck School District, Mark Salzer, Plymouth-Canton Area Community Schools, Mike Antoine, Roseville Community Schools, Nate Moore, Grand Ledge Public Schools, Paul Mulder, Allendale Public Schools, Ronny Sheeler, Wyandotte Public Schools, Scott Vugteveen, Kentwood Public Schools, Tim Klan, Livonia Public Schools, and Debbie Kopkau, MSBO.

2. Approved minutes from June 17 minutes – Enciso makes motion to approve. Seconded by Galbraith. M/C

3. Semifero – assessment

This coming spring the COS service devices are going to be recommended and not required. If you have many students needing accommodations, you will want to keep these services.

If taking WIDA, there is a lot of bandwidth issues.

Other updates – shifting grades MiAccess will be shifted to grades 5 – 8.

Test window will be all grades and can use six weeks availability which can provide more flexibility and stability. Check with your district to see when they are going to test and what they are going to test to avoid the Memorial Holiday.

Not a lot of changes this year.

Working with College Board with testing but it is not ready yet. They are using a platform called Campion and they think it is going to work. Would like to have DRC but there are only a few years left on the contract and not sure about the rebid at this time.

3. Joe – E-rate and ECF

ECF officially closed yesterday. If you filed late or asked for waiver, you are placed in the second window.

The first window was about \$5 billion. The second window is not open.

If you have problems, it is normally with the Duns numbers. This causes invoicing issues. Make sure that you have the right Duns number. Please check with your Business Office. This is important for the grants to have the correct one.

E-rate – please contact Joe for any questions. The 470 form is going to change but hopefully for the better. Once the admin time opens, then you can make changes. They have not been announced yet. Normally during mid-January. Make sure the contact information is correct with E-rate. It needs to be updated in EPIC. This needs to be done before you file your 471.

Emergency Broadband Initiative (EBB) – kudos to this group for your help. This is to help Michigan families report their broadband accessibility.

Question: are they going to have enough funding for the request? We are hoping that it will be all funded but if not, it may be at the pro-ration of E-rate and helping rural connectivity.

Question: what is the service delivery date for equipment? Answer: by June 30, 2022. Do the items need to get into the hands of the user by June 30? No extension is being looked at. You may need to look at a service substitution so you can get them in the hands of the students by June 30. There is nothing in place at this time to penalize the district for not delivering on time, but you should plan on the date of June 30, 2022.

Connect Michigan – Thank you for the great work you have been doing to meet connectivity.

4. Topics for the MSBO Annual Conference

Succession Planning

Other topics are submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm.