

## **MSBO Technology Committee Meeting**

**February 10, 2022**

**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: Rick Webb, Fremont Public Schools, Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD, Theron Nesbitt, Tim Blackmer, Ionia Public Schools, Kevin Hustek, Warren Woods Public Schools, Paul Mulder, Allendale Public Schools, Michael Partridge, Pinckney Community Schools, Julie Williams-Musz, Huron ISD, Nancy Couto, Armada Area Schools, Kali Stevens, East Lansing Public Schools, Michael Sutor, Alcona Community Schools, Sherry McVay, Dewitt Public Schools, Rebecca McFarland, Marysville Public Schools, Richard Lerman, Lake Shore Public Schools, Jacob Orr, St. Clair County ISD, Nate Moore, Kearsley Community Schools, Cindy Lindner and Donny Milovski, Rochester Community Schools, Ken Jacobs, Lincoln Park Public Schools, Thomas Wall, Dearborn Public Schools, Steven Mezzadri, Northville Public Schools, Jeff Trudell, Wyandotte Public Schools, Robert Breedlove, Reed City Area Schools, Andrew Steinman, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Dr. Stanley Szczotka, Garden City Public Schools, Jay Bosworth, Pinconning Area Schools, Matt Shenk, Parchment Schools and Gobles Public Schools, Mark Smith, MACUL, Mark Deschaine, Grand Ledge Public Schools and Debbie Kopkau, MSBO

### 2. Approved minutes from December 8 minutes – Hustek and Breedlove makes motion to approve. Seconded by Couto. M/C

### 3. Drake – REMC \$ave – Report

#### **Device Purchasing Forecast Window Open**

The Device Purchasing Forecast Window is open through **Friday, February 11th**. As of February 2nd, 82 districts have forecast for 42015 devices. Last year at this time, 69 districts had forecast for 49,502 devices. Please encourage your constituents to submit their forecasts by Friday, even if they are not sure they'll purchase. Forecasting is not an obligation to purchase, and higher forecast numbers translate into lower bid prices for everyone.

#### **Device Purchasing Bid**

The Device Purchasing Bid was released Friday, February 4, 2022 and is due March 1, 2022. The Device Purchasing Advisory Committee wrote the specifications at their meeting on January 14th and will meet again on March 23rd to make award recommendations. The recommendations will go to the REMC SAVE Advisory Committee for approval on March 31st, and then come to the REMC Association for final approval at the business meeting on April 12th. The purchase window is expected to be open from April 13th through September 30th.

#### **Paper Allocation**

Paper continues to be allocated. As of February 3, Central Michigan Paper had already sold out of February's allocation of white paper and is now selling into March. CMP continues to communicate with customers to keep them updated on delivery timelines. Schools needing large quantities should expect to have their deliveries spread over more than one month. We expect the allocation to continue at least through the end of the contract, which will be when May's allocation has been sold. Bid award recommendations for the next contract will come to the REMC Association May business meeting for award, with an expected contract start date of June 1, 2022.

4. Julie Williams-Musz explained her role as the liaison to the committee and is running again for another term. Asked the group for their vote.
5. Pietro Semifero has left, and we are awaiting to see who will be replacing him. Thank you for all his work. Sharpsteen reached out to David Judd and is working on the issue with WIDA. David was very positive to continue to help this group.

DRC is no longer supporting certain versions of Windows 10. You may want to check any computers you are expecting to use to make sure they are compatible and update in the newest versions of Windows 10.

Message for support: If you continue to experience WIDA ACCESS for ELLs DRC INSIGHT technical issues, call DRC at 1-866-276-7735.

6. E-rate information. Please get your applications in and don't wait until the last minute. 470 is due February 22. The 471 is March 22. If you have an E-rate coordinator, give them as much time as possible since they will have more than yours to submit.
7. Smith - MACUL

Registration is open for the MACUL Conference – March 16-18 - [MACUL Events - macul.org](https://www.macul.org). There will be two certification classes on March 16.

Organizational Technology Audits  
Security/Disaster Recovery

Sketch up Pro license is going away in July. It is changing to Sketch up to be in the cloud since it will be part of Google. Check the MACUL site for more information.

MACUL is posting a Phoenix planner tomorrow with all the sessions and keynotes of the conference. Will be adding some virtual events to help with districts who cannot travel.

8. Roundtable – METL just talked about shortage of employees. Trying to address this work force development issue. Anything that is plugged in seems to be technology issue. Another issue is the pay for this area - Mezzadri started as a desktop tech in 2000 and was making \$21/hour, and most postings today are less than that. Most districts are averaging a 0-1% annual raise. That's got to change to attract good talent.

Neola policy gives a definition of technology - The Board defines Technology Resources to include computers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, cellular/mobile telephones, smartphones, web-enabled devices, video and/or audio recording equipment, projectors, software and operating systems that work on any device, copy machines, printers and scanners, information storage devices (including mobile/portable storage devices such as external hard drives, CDs/DVDs, USB thumb drives and memory chips), the computer network, Internet connection, and online educational services and apps.

Need help with e-Sports - contact [tkidd@pinckneypirates.org](mailto:tkidd@pinckneypirates.org) - he can help you get rolling.

McVay mentions that we need to try and get on the front end of these initiatives to support of these endeavors in the future.

Next meeting March 10, 2022

Suitor motioned to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Couto. MC.

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kopkau, MSBO