

MSBO Technology Committee Meeting

March 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

2.) Members Present -

Attendees: Rick Webb - Fremont Schools, Courtney Byam - MSBO, Nancy Couto, Armada Area Schools, Jeff Trudell-Wyandotte Schools, Mark Deschaine – Grand Ledge Public Schools, Erik Drake- REMC, Nancy Corner – REMC, Fred Sharpsteen- Mecosta-Osceola ISD, Donny Milovski – Rochester Community Schools, Robert Breedlove - Reed City Area Public Schools, Joseph Polasek – MDE, Robert Attee, Lukas Enciso – Van Buren ISD, Russ Gerbers - Byron Center Public Schools, Linda Drzyzga - Grosse Ile Schools, Peter Klein – Clinton County RESA, Ryan Marshall - Charlton Heston Academy, Kate Cermak – MDE, Tim Blackmer - Ionia Public Schools, Tim Klan - Livonia Public Schools, Paul Mulder - Allendale Public Schools, Nate Moore - Kearsley Community Schools, Eric Lamont, John Harpst Jr. - Ingham ISD, Ken Jacobs - Lincoln Park Public Schools, Matt Shenck - Kalamazoo RESA, Brad Hess - Jackson County ISD, Kali Stevens - East Lansing Public Schools, Mark Salzer - Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Tammie Schadd - Richmond Community Schools, Chris McCoy - Brother Rice Catholic High School, Christian Palasty - East Lansing Public Schools, Mary Beth Rogers - Clarkston Community Schools, Susan Case - Forest Hills Public Schools, Ronny Sheeler - Wyandotte Public Schools, Michael Sutor - Alcona Community Schools, Jay Bosworth - Pinconning Area Schools, Melissa Gillhooley - Eastern Upper Peninsula ISD, Kevin Hustek - Warren Woods Public Schools, Millerde (not sure who this was)

2. **Approved Minutes from February 10, 2022** – Trudell makes motion to approve. Seconded by Case. M/C.

3. **Elect New Chair for 2022-23 School Year:** Rick Webb nominated again. Seconded by everyone. M/C

4. **Erik Drake/Nancy Corner - REMC Update:** Using same theme as 2 years ago...Billion Dollar Savings! Doing give aways; cameras, video conference, power towers, wobble chairs, Nancy Corner retiring Mike Richardson taking over in April-June transition. Just under 100,000 units forecast for purchasing, last year was about 130,000 units sold. Paper is still constrained. Doesn't look like it will get any better in the next 6 mths.

5. **Kate Cermack, MDE - Update on Testing:** Taking over for Pietro WIDA happening now through March 25th all grades in the same 6-week window to allow flexibility with ELA exception having a shorter 4-week window. Mi-Access is still 7 weeks. There was a PowerPoint to refer to for all the details. Communication was resolved but unsatisfactory WIDA determines who get s comms. They were not sending to tech people. But instead, sent to coordinators. Raised issue and hoping they will change process. Make sure to log in to your MEIS account every three months otherwise your DRC account is blocked.

This is the link to Kate's Presentation: https://livefremont-my.sharepoint.com/:p:/g/personal/rwebb_fremont_net/EYdz0cWBvx9Ik6ZKXbXfb cEBxv_aMFuksmvS0oWa7k0XvQ

6. **Joseph Polasek - Erate Update:** Over 1000 FRNS filed. Window closes on March 22, 2022, to submit. 14-day waiver period that follows the window. ECF cumbersome task to get paid. Service delivery deadline extended a full year to June 30, 2023. Audit notification going out for ECF... slightly alarming as they are asking for personal identifying info (PII) on students. Do your best to trust your lawyers and admins policy on this issue. Discount programs for home internet - Affordable connectivity program – up to \$30. Comcast or AT&T in you qualify. Everyoneon.org can see option sin your area for these discounted services. Share with your district.

7. Marybeth Rogers introduced herself as running for the board for president-elect.

8. **MACUL Update:** Mark Smith unable to join so Rick Webb updated March 16-18th is MACUL Conference.

9. **Courtney Byam, MSBO – Update on Conference:** 684 total registrants/25 for Tech Pre-Conference

Tim motioned to adjourn. Susan Case 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 1:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Byam - MSBO