

MSBO Technology Committee Meeting

February 13, 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 – 43 people in attendance.
2. Approved minutes from January 9, 2025 – Mark Quaderer motioned to accept the minutes; Susan Case - 2nd. M/C
3. Statewide Testing – Katherine Cermak, MDE
 - DRC Updates
 - College Board Updates
 - 2025 Spring Testing Updates -
https://www.msbo.org/techcommittee_statetestingupdates_feb25/
4. REMC Update and Spot Bid Program –Erik Drake, REMC
 - Computer and Paper Bids in bid analysis.
 - Award expected March 11 with April 1 contract start.
 - Paper runs through September 30, 2025, Computers through March 31, 2026.
 - Expected to have a computer Device Purchasing promotional period April 1 through September 30, 2025.
 - Continue to have no SPOT PO Upload.
 - Vendor changes effective January 1, 2025
 - VSC and Bytespeed are no longer part of any REMC SAVE contract.
 - Schools may continue to do business with them but should take care to comply with state law and local purchasing policy if they do so.
 - Earliest return for both is January 1, 2026. Depends on if they respond to an upcoming bid and are awarded.
 - REMC exhibiting at MACUL in Detroit, March 20-21, booth 413. Will also be at MSBO Annual Conference.
5. MACUL Update – report only – Tammy Maginity, MACUL

MACUL Awards - [Awards](#)

The following will be honored at the Conference opening keynote:

- Innovative District- **Notre Dame Prep**
- Innovative Leader- **Craig Steenstra**/Hudsonville Public Schools

- Innovative Teacher- **Melissa Gordon**/Huron High School/Ann Arbor Public Schools-Teacher
- Innovative Professional - **Jacob Schinck**/Jackson ISD
- A BIG thankyou to REMC who partnered with us on Awards and will provide individual winners with a monetary award!

Board Elections

- Currently contacting potential candidates to get their acceptance and information for the election
- Elections will open later this month

UP MACUL- Save the Date

- May 16, 2025 at Gogebic Community College
- Possible event on the evening of May 15, 2025
- More information soon

Statewide AI Workgroup

MACUL has accepted a position on the Steering Committee for the AI Statewide Workgroup. We look forward to being a part of this initiative.

Conference Update

- Registration is open, please spread the word-[Link](#)-
- Spring Break Special - Some counties spring break falls on conference week. We built a package to meet that need
 - \$299 (\$418 value)
 - 3 Wednesday Workshops (\$199 value)
 - All Day Thursday Access (\$219)
- [Sneak Peek PDF](#)- Link on Conference website
 - Use this to find sessions on topics of interest
 - Gather sessions to lobby Districts to attend

6. METL Cybersecurity Task Force Update – Eric Feldhusen and Nicholas Hay, MiSecure.org

- **MiSecure Operations Team – Eric Feldhusen**
 - Matt McMahon
 - Mike Schonert
 - Zach Taylor
 - Eric Feldhusen
- Statistics
 - No major incidents in 30 days

- Always detections
- Applications (New)
 - OneStart Launcher
 - Wave Browser
- Vulnerabilities
 - Adobe, Mozilla, Google, Oracle, VideoLan
 - 93% of application Critical and High
- End-of-Life Hosts
 - Workstations – 11%
 - Servers – 2%
- Workstations - 14,800
- Servers - 4600
- Total - 18,600
- PowerSchool Update
- PowerSchool is handling notifications through Experian
- Round 1 of ISD participation complete
- Round 2 is MiSecure contacting individual school districts to make sure all school districts are aware of the 97g MiSecure CrowdStrike MDR free server program. District ransomware incident in December 2024
 - District chose not to pay the ransom
 - Cybersecurity Insurance activated a incident response team to help the district.
 - District and Cybersecurity Response team verified uncompromised backups
 - Installed CrowdStrike across all servers and workstations in the district
 - The district was able to restore servers from backups and return to service
 - The district was able to operate without closure using Google Classrooms and hot spots.
 - Ransomware group is now trying to blackmail the district with the release of the data extracted from the district while the ransomware group was encrypting the district's servers

The next MSBO Technology Committee meeting

What would the committee like us to cover in future meetings?

- **Misecure Task Force – Nicholas Hay**
 - A task force of METL (ISD Tech Directors)
 - Made up of volunteer IT professionals as well as partner, non-K12 cybersecurity professionals

- This team has developed several tools to improve K12 cybersecurity, all available at: www.misecure.org
- The task force is working on Incident Response Planning tools for 2025.

7. MSBO Conference Update – Debbie Kopkau

- MSBO Annual Conference – April 29-May 1 in Grand Rapids
- Almost 500 attendees registered
- Certification classes on Tuesday – Thursday
- Looking for a presenter on Wednesday for Technology Policies. Please reach out directly to Debbie.
- Debbie will be at MACUL on March 19 for the two certification classes.
 - Security/Disaster Recovery
 - Educational Data Management: A Primer for Michigan Technology Leaders

8. Mark Deschaine gave great feedback on the first Group Solutions for Technology Directors which was held on February 11.

Next meeting March 13, 2025, at 1 pm.

Noah Kent motions to adjourn at 1:53 pm. Seconded by Mark Deschaine. M/C

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kopkau, MSBO