

Minutes for MSBO Technology Committee

February 23, 2017

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Blackboard Collaborate

Co-Chair: Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD

Welcome & Introduction

Members present – Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD, Jeff Trudell, Wyandotte Public Schools, Nancy Couto, Armada Area Schools, Mike Conway, Clinton County RESA, Ken Jacobs, Lincoln Consolidated Schools, Jana Stepp, Oscoda Area Schools, Kris Young, Troy School District, Cynthia Gettel, USA, Nancy Corner and Erik Drake, REMC SAVE, Rod VanLoo, West Ottawa Public Schools, and Rick Webb, Fremont Schools

January minutes, Webb moved, Couto seconded. M/C Minutes approved.

Mapes presented the MI Road Map. This is the State's View of the Technology. The State is no longer requiring a technology plan. This is the replacement and will be presented to the State Board of Education on March 14. The State is looking for your feedback.

- Erate information is last year. Review your numbers for students. This should be done by COB on 2/24/17.
- Future Ready Assessments is a tool for Allilance for Education. We are a Teacher Ready State. This is an assessment for district-wide with student readiness. ESSA comments are taken until mid-March.
- An Erate position is open and will be starting interviews.

Spadafore gave a Legislative Update. Got through lame duck without too much problem. There was some discussion on MPSERS and tax cuts. This budget is the most pro-local agency budgets that we have seen in the last 15 years. We are looking at a \$50 per pupil premium for high school students in the foundation.

- Declining enrollment districts will have some issues. The Governor is setting aside \$700 million to help declining enrollment districts. Charter schools are also being included in these increases including students attending cyber schools. Foundation allowance will be decreased for cyber schools if they are in operation for their second year. There are about 12 programs that will be affected.
- 31A – At Risk – expanded to \$150 million and who is eligible and how they are eligible.
- Shared Time Categorical – capping the amount of money given to shared-time pupils.
- Data Hub is getting funded to continue the data collection.
- The tax cut seemed to be the first priority and causing quite a shakeup in the legislature.
- Common Core seems to be on the main agenda.
- One-page sinking fund document was passed around. The intent of the legislature was not to include technology in previous sinking funds. You may want to check with your attorney on using sinking funds if they were authorized prior to the legislation.
- 2.5 million was put back into the budget for non-public schools to help them with reporting.

- Seeing more regional enhancement millages with ISD's to help with collaborative efforts that are no longer funded.

Price presented on M-Step. This area went out to SE districts to get their feedback on testing. Found that some technology was not going to be compatible for the upcoming testing.

- Worked with DRC to make it more compatible with iCore 2 devices.
- Use the OCT to be ready.
- Some districts have been working to test devices within the central office.

Trudell gave the MACUL Update.

- Sir Ken Robinson on Thursday
- Pre-Conferences on Wednesday – Overview of School Finance for Technology and Organizational Technology Audits

Drake gave an update on REMC \$ave

- Purchasing window is going to be open April 19 and ending in September 30 which used to be under 22i TRIG
- Karen Hairston is still the project manager
- Forecasting window is now closed and we are looking to have less devices purchased this year than last year
- REMC will have a booth at MACUL

Sharpsteen – Curriculum/Technology Director Symposium that was last year and will be October 31. The past meeting was in August

- The group is struggling on topics and that work for both curriculum and technology director
- You can email Fred at fsharpsteen@moisd.org

Upcoming meeting dates for Technology Committee

- 4/27/17
- 6/22/17

MSBO Annual Conference in Grand Rapids – May 2-4 – time to get registered

Webb motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Kopkau
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