

MSBO Technology Committee Meeting

February 22, 2018

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

Chair: Rick Webb, Fremont Public Schools

1. Welcome & Introduction

Members present:

Rick Webb, Fremont Public Schools, Jeff Trudell, Wyandotte Public Schools, David Palme, Kevin Galbraith, and Mike Lillie Ingham ISD, Nancy Couto, Armada Area Schools, Beverly Knox-Pipes, CoSN representative, Damien Koob, Van Buren ISD, Jason Helsen, Reeths-Puffer Schools, Rod VanLoo, West Ottawa, Erik Drake and Nancy Corner, REMC, Ken Jacobs, Lincoln Park Cons Schools, Russ Gerbers, Kenowa Hills Schools, Cindy Lindner, Rochester Community Schools, and Jeff Smucker, Hudsonville Public Schools, Fred Sharpsteen, Mecosta-Osceola ISD, and Debbie Kopkau, MSBO.

2. Approve minutes from [October](#) - Trudell motions. Couto seconded M/C

3. Pietro Semifero – M-STEP

- a. WIDA testing is going well and should be a good look at how M-STEP will perform
- b. TSM and Central office will be supported.

Central Office

- 1. Better installation
- 2. Not seeing any benefits
- 3. Good for scaling up
- 4. Is going to be standard going forward

TSM

- 1. Can do as many as 900 to manage
- 2. Will be supported through 2020

Current DRC

- 1. Contract is up for renewal in 3 to 5 years and have an out if there are some issues

Chrome book support

- 1. When google decides to not update chrome then the chrome book cannot be used

Support is the current chrome version OS. They will support the year before the

testing but recommend having the most up-to-date browser.

Coming for 2019

- a. Eighth grade testing is coming online
 - b. RFP just closed for benchmark testing – should hear something in March
4. MACUL Update – Trudell and Galbraith
- a. MACUL conference will be in Grand Rapids, March 7 - 9, 2018
 - b. Classes for CTO – Time Management and Performance Evaluation for Personnel
 - c. Elective credit – G-suite and Google MBA
 - d. SIGTC Annual luncheon – you need to register separately for this event.
5. REMC – Drake
- a. Just launched some new bids
 - b. New contracts in the process – too early to report but will be showing those shortly. This is for July.
 - c. Device Purchasing or SPOT – it is out now and an advisory committee will be reviewing and look for approval of the items after the REMC board meets on April 10.
 - d. It will go April 18 through September 30. Close to the same time as last year.
 - e. Will be at MACUL – booth #201 – enter to win Chromebooks by playing the game. Lots of Maker space to see.
 - f. Will exhibit at MSBO – more details as we get closer
 - g. Rebranding Website – moving to REMCSave.org
 - h. SPOT will also get an overhaul
6. CoSN Chapter – Knox – Pipes and Sharpsteen – CoSN board did approve the Michigan Chapter of CoSN – MiCoSN. Knox-Pipes will be participating as state chapter leader conference to identify best practices for Michigan. This is to specialize and elevate the CTO work that is being performed.
- a. Institutional membership, one payment includes every single person in the organization.
 - b. There is corporate membership.
 - c. MSBO has done a great job of making changes to make this more policy focused and elevating the CTO.
 - d. CoSN is a great voice for participants to shape the E-Rate models and the recent changes from FCC.
 - e. Operational meeting with state chapter leader conference will take place with a core team from Michigan.
 - f. CoSN will be working on setting up the bylaws for the organization
 - g. Sharpsteen - MSBO/MDE-Tech list were contacted about how to become a member.
 - h. Email – info@micosn.org will be sent shortly for a single point of contact to keep

the conversation going.

- i. This will empowered superintendents with CTO information.
- j. Digital Equity piece will be discussed.
- k. SMART Education network – like MiSEN will be discussed.

7. Changing Role of the CTO

- a. Sharpsteen - evaluation – need to adopt a rubric from CoSN. This will help give us the credibility needed to bring us in on the conversation before things happen and not after the decision has been made.
- b. Sharpsteen - percentage of time spent on what the roles should be of a CTO
- c. Knox-Pipes – help find the people in the best role and a leadership role that help them flourish.
- d. Trudell – discusses where he has been and how complex it is today.
- e. Couto – she has been in the district for 23 years and attends all admin meetings and principals meetings. Communication is key.
- f. Sharpsteen – shares that we should look at the Oakland Schools report.
- g. Knox-Pipes – need to talk more about TCO.
- h. Couto – technology has changed but the administrative thinking has not for the support.
- i. Sharpsteen – discuss collaboration, consolidation, etc. It always seems to be the same but we need to find monies that are not part of the general fund. The MiSEN has been helpful because the money is not part of general fund.
- j. Knox-Pipes – consortia seems to be better a model. Some issues arise with holding things closely. Need to look at the model and make changes that make sense when times change.
- k. Sharpsteen – funding may be used not where it should be and only purchased with bond money.
- l. Knox-Pipes – we need to work together
- m. Sharpsteen – Future Ready Schools and School Improvement is not the only way to look at this. Need a more holistic view.

8. Kopkau asked about next steps

- a. Knox-Pipes - Bring Business Manager and Technology together to talk about funding – frustrations and what are the questions. How do we deal with it? Begin creating a “think tank.”
- b. Palme – show value – creating roles and responsibilities. Updates to the technology page to increase awareness.

9. Upcoming event

- a. MAEDS – May 11 – Mid-Michigan Community College

10. Future meeting dates

- 3/22/18

- 5/24/18
- 6/28/18

Trudell motioned to end the meeting. Couto seconded. M/C. Adjourn at 2:47 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kopkau, MSBO