

MSBO Technology Committee Meeting

May 9, 2024

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Zoom

Chair: Rick Webb, Kenowa Hills Public Schools

Co-chair: Kevin Hustek, Warren Woods Public Schools

1. Welcome & Introductions – 35 people in attendance.
2. Approved minutes from April 11, 2024 –Kevin Hustek motioned to accept the minutes; Andrew Steinman - 2nd. M/C
3. MDE Update – Kate Cermak –
 - Issues with testing – Coordinators did not loop in staff to assist them. Tech was not involved so issues were not being solved. Now that they have been looped in, things are getting resolved.

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. The main window displays a PowerPoint slide titled "Reminders" with the following content:

- ▶ Reinforce with your Test Coordinators, if there is a technology problem with a student testing, they need to loop you, the Technology Coordinator, into the issue.
 - ▶ Technology Coordinators are best suited to contact DRC for assistance in these cases.
- ▶ M-STEP Testing ends at **4pm on Friday, May 17**
 - ▶ 92% of scheduled tests are completed as of today
- ▶ MI-Access Testing ends at **4pm on Friday, May 24**
 - ▶ 77% of scheduled Functional Independence tests are completed as of today
 - ▶ Supported Independence and Participation lagging – Primary Test Administrators must ensure scores are entered
- ▶ Early Literacy & Mathematics Benchmarks testing ends at **4pm on Friday, May 31**

On the right side of the screen, there is a vertical list of participants: Courtney Byam, Kevin Hustek, Rick Webb - KHPS, and Kate Cermak. At the bottom of the Zoom window, the name "Dan Schuler" is visible. The Windows taskbar at the very bottom shows the time as 1:13 PM on 5/9/2024.

4. E-Rate Update – Joseph Polasek, MDE – Had a domain and no longer have it. Never really owned it. Coming up with a new ListServe for this. REMC is helping with this. Coming soon! Massive amount of info needs to be transferred. Possible opt in feature.

- Update from FCC sent out of window waiver app approvals. Can email link to see if you are on the list. Contact Joseph or the general Erate email for more information.
- Where at with funding years. Ticking up for 2022. Quite is the word!
 - PIA questions are happening.
 - Very important that someone looks at reports to see naming conventions and coding for places.

5. REMC Update and SPOT Bid Program – Erik Drake, REMC \$ave

- Asks that you keep your EEM data updated!!!
- All REMC Saves transactions are saved.
- Bids – awarded all software contracts that start July 1, 2024. Below is the link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WjylzXYC_A2z6fiOxXn5A88kufJk5HnF0VZQxrhqTck/edit?usp=sharing

- Discovery had bid in a way that would allow them to increase prices drastically. They have since clarified this for years 2 and 3. More consistent pricing now.
- Vendor changes depending on when you renewed and what contract.
- Just opened networking security bid yesterday. New product lines and vendors. Contracts will be awarded in mid-June and start Jul 1, 2024.
- Paper bid timeline has changed to October 1, 2024
- Technology and furniture out around Labor Day for calendar year.
- Reminder about computers. Price purchasing discount for summertime period. Now through September 1, 2024. Lower price then ends and reverts back to higher bid pricing.
- Contract changes are important to you because new vendors have come on board. Schools keep ordering out of habit, without going out for bid, and may no longer be compliant.

6. MSBO Conference Update – Courtney Byam

- Largest conference to date – 1909 attendees – 450ish booths

7. Roundtable

Rick Webb motioned to adjourn; Paul Mulder - 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Byam - MSBO