

K-12 TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date	January 26, 2012
Meeting Location	Division of State IT, 4430 Broad River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29210
Facilitator	Barbara Teusink
Note Taker	Gay Hoyer
Attendees	Dee Appleby (SCDE), Dean Byrd (SCETV), Valarie Byrd (DSIT), Don Cantrell (SCDE), Samantha Hastings (USC), Bobbi Kennedy (SCETV), Jim MacDougall (DSIT), Sharron Myers (DSIT), Page McCraw (SCDE), Mike Shelton (DSIT), Beth Shull (AT&T), Barbara Teusink (DSIT), Petra Turner (DSIT), Tommy Richards (Connectview)

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1	Approval of Minutes	Presenter:	Barbara Teusink
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1. Barbara Teusink called the meeting to order and asked for approval or corrections to the minutes from last month's meeting. The minutes were approved with no changes.

Agenda Item 2	EBS – ETV Educational Portal	Presenter:	Dean Byrd
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1. ETV recently worked on proving “Substantial Service” use for EBS licenses used for educational services as required by the FCC. All licenses have been approved.
2. ETV currently holds 67 licenses. 14 of the licenses do not have a service area, but are transmitter to site only. 2 of these 14 licenses have no significance and ETV has released them, leaving us with 65 valid licenses.
3. Next month's meeting will be held at ETV, at which time they will give a presentation of the Educational Portal.

Agenda Item 3	E-Rate Status	Presenter:	Valarie Byrd
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E-Rate News

1. The annual E-Rate application filing window opened on January 9, 2012 and will close 11:59 EDT March 20, 2012.
2. In an effort to safeguard the K-12 Schools and Libraries Network against the potential penalties resulting from E-Rate CIPA incompliance of state consortium participants, the following actions will be taken by the committee to increase awareness of this program requirement among schools/districts/systems:
 - Valarie Byrd previously distributed a draft copy of the Internet Safety Standards Memorandum, K-12 Network Certification document and proposed changes to the current Bandwidth Allocation Policies to Don Cantrell (SCDE), Dave Goble (SCSL), Rogan Hamby (SCSL), Nancy Rosenwald (SCSL) and Tom Fletcher (DSIT) to review.
 - Don Cantrell will handle the distribution of the Internet Safety Standards Memorandum to the K-12 School community. State Library will modify the draft Internet Safety Standards Memorandum to accommodate the Library Systems and handle its distribution.
 - DSIT will distribute the K-12 Network Certification document to all Network members when FCC Form 479's are collected in the spring. Revised Bandwidth Allocation Policies will be ready for committee approval later this funding year.

State E-Rate Program Status

2010-11 (Closed Year) Application

1. DSIT responded to a USAC-PQA audit request for information pertaining to a previously filed BEAR reimbursement. This compliance audit is being done to confirm that proper payment was received from the vendor.

2011-12 (Current Year) Application

1. DSIT has received all Form 486 NL confirmations from USAC. BEAR reimbursements will be filed later this funding year.

2012-13 (New Year) Application

1. Four applications were generated the day the application window opened (01/09/12). Two of the four applications have been submitted and the remaining applications (DIA and WAN) are works in progress.
2. SDE and SCL will continue reviewing draft technology plans to provide DSIT with outstanding Technology Plan Approval Letters by June 1, 2012.
3. SDE has provided a final draft copy of the data collection file and this information was forwarded to all K-12 members.
4. QDC1 (45th day of school) counts look better this year and it will be utilized for the E-Rate NSLP data file submission to USAC when requested. Districts were given the option to swap this data with the 90 day drop out counts, but no request to change were received by SDE. These stats will be posted soon via SDE website. Libraries were provided with an Excel spreadsheet containing this information to avoid delays in filing their applications.
5. State LOA's (SDE and SCSL) covering 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016 will be needed by DSIT before the end of this funding year.
6. USAC will be requesting a new state eligibility certification letter and validated NSLP data file from SDE.

Fall Cyber Security Online Challenge Competition

1. All participants were invited to DSIT to tour the state data center on January 24, 2012. Nineteen of the twenty-five participants attended along with five chaperones. This event was a huge success with the group. The group was taken on a tour around the main control room facility by DSIT managers Tom Tart and Nathan Hogue. The SC ISAC group did a presentation that elicited many questions and interest among the participants. One student stated "This is Awesome!" After lunch the student participants were surprised with certificates signed by Governor Nikki Haley, Jimmy Earley, Jim MacDougall and Valarie Byrd. They also received a Letter of Recognition from James MacDougall denoting their individual accomplishments. Each student was photographed accepting their certificates with Jim and Tom. These photos will be sent to the location contacts and included in a newspaper article that will be distributed by DSIT at a later date. This information was sent to SDE for publishing. The next challenge is scheduled to begin this upcoming March and we hope to see more participants.

Agenda Item 4	K-12 Network Changes – Direct Fiber Phase IV	Presenter:	Valarie Byrd
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Network Changes

1. The new Network Services contract was awarded last month. Lot 2 Rates: K-12 Schools network will benefit with reduced rates across the state. Direct impact on network members will result in decreased cost shares. Most will more than likely purchase additional bandwidth. The new rate structure will take effect July 1, 2012.
2. AT&T DIA (Dedicated Internet Access) to MIS (Managed Internet Service) conversion project began a few weeks ago. Six locations are scheduled to be completed within the next two weeks. This service update will impact all DIA AT&T locations. Last month AT&T held conference calls with and sent out letters to the schools/districts and libraries across the state. This new service will not affect the K-12 Network in regards to cost. Just improved service quality.
3. Oconee County School District is in the early stages of transitioning off the K-12 Network.

4. Marion County Schools (1, 2 & 7) will be consolidated into one district next school year.
5. A flood of new DIA/MIS upgrades from K-12 Network members continue to be received by DSIT due to many wireless pilot programs being deployed across the state.
6. DSIT and Spirit continue to research solutions to address internet bandwidth underserved locations with less than the statewide 10 Meg baseline. The locations are as follows:

Barnwell 29	Hampton 01	Beaufort Jasper Career Center
Orangeburg	Hampton 02	McCormick County Library

Direct Fiber Phase IV

1. Cherokee School District projects have been completed since last December.
2. The following districts have active projects. Some will be completed within the next two weeks.

Allendale	Bamberg 01	Berkeley	Barnwell 45
Clarendon 01	Dorchester 02	Edgefield	Hampton 02
Lee	Spartanburg 01	Spartanburg 02	
3. The SC E-Rate Consortium website can be accessed : <https://sck12techinit.sc.gov/>

Agenda Item 5	Security Subcommittee / Network Status	Presenter:	Sharron Myers
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1. There are currently no recommendations for upgrades at this time.
2. Over ½ of the schools are currently using proxies.
3. Jim MacDougall would like to develop some type of report that shows the amount of bandwidth that is being saved as a result of the proxy program.
4. There are currently 4 libraries being monitored and should get a report card soon so that a determination can be made as to whether additional bandwidth is needed.

Agenda Item 6	Budget	Presenter:	Barbara Teusink
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1. The Legislature is back in session and the budget process has begun.
2. In regards to next year’s budget, the EOC has put together a proposal for how they would recommend that the surplus in EIA funds be utilized. They are proposing to spend a great deal of money on what appears to be a 5 year plan which will basically recreate the K-12 committee.

Next Meeting	February 23, 2012
Location	SCETV – 1101 George Rogers Blvd., Columbia, SC 29201