

**K-12 TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date	May 23, 2013
Meeting Location	DSIT – 4430 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210
Facilitator	Tom Fletcher
Note Taker	Gay Hoyer
Attendees	John Bane (DSIT), Jim Blakeslee (SCETV), Valarie Byrd (DSIT), Tom Fletcher (DSIT), James Gordon (DSIT), Samantha Hastings (USC), Jerry Pate (SC Telecom. Assoc.), Beth Shull (AT&T), Tina Palmer (School Dist. Newberry Co.)

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1	Approval of Minutes	Presenter:	Tom Fletcher
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1. Tom Fletcher called the meeting to order and asked for approval or corrections to the minutes from the April meeting. The minutes were approved with no changes.

Agenda Item 2	School District of Newberry County	Presenter:	Tina Palmer
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1. Tina Palmer, Director of Technology for the School District of Newberry County was on hand to discuss technology within the Newberry County Schools.
2. The School District of Newberry County has approximately 5,800 students and employs around 750 educators. The IT Department consists of a Director of Technology (Tina Palmer), A PowerSchool Coordinator, An Instructional Software Coordinator, Two (2) Computer Technicians (permission has been granted to hire a third technician), and An Interconnect Technician (supports phone system and monitoring cameras).
3. The current ratio of IT equipment to technician is 3,000 to One. This includes desktop computers, laptops, projectors and printers. There are currently devices such as Kindles and iPads that are not supported.
4. All Administrators have been provided an iPads (not support by IT Dept.) that has access to the Internet. Two schools have also purchased iPads for their teachers. The IT Department has modified the devices so that Apps cannot be downloaded to the devices without a password. Students currently do no utilize Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD).
5. The board was approached this year about replacing 544 high school lab computers. The old ones range from five to nine years in age. The teachers at these high schools will be provided Window 8 Tablets with docking stations to replace their current desktop computers. These tablets will be able to interact with SmartBoards.
6. The advantage of using the Windows 8 iPads is that they provide the full suite of Microsoft Office Products.
7. Currently, PowerSchool is one of the District’s biggest challenges. (Did not elaborate)
8. Some current projects for the District are:
 - a. Five schools are requesting upgrades to wireless.
 - b. Five schools are at 90% and are eligible for upgrades.
9. The Board has agreed to spend \$80,000 to provide other schools with wireless so that students will be able to “Bring their Own Device” (BYOD) in the next couple of years.
10. The Board rewrote the Student Agreement Policy to include conditions for students to bring their own devices. In order to bring a device, the student must get teacher approval, a teacher must be present, and the student may only connect to the “Guest Internet”. Access to the Network will be denied.
11. PowerSchool will be upgraded this summer and some of the work will need to be contracted out.
12. Schools will also be migrating to Microsoft 365 email. Access to this email will also provide the user access to the Microsoft office products such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

13. Common Core Standards require that all students third grade and above must be provided an email address.
14. For students and citizens that do not have access to the Internet, most schools have an afterschool program in which the schools remain open until 6:00pm giving both parents and students access to the schools internet.

Agenda Item 3	K-12 Security Subcommittee	Presenter:	Valarie Byrd
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1. The committee met this month and did a follow-up on its current action items.
2. ISAC is working on finalizing equipment assessments and inventory deployment.

Agenda Item 4	eRate Status / Network Changes	Presenter:	Valarie Byrd
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eRate News

1. The FCC approved the rollover of \$450 million in unused funds to carry forward for FY 2013 bringing the total cap for FY 2013 to: \$2,381,179,764.08
2. USAC announced the release of the First Funding Wave for FY 2013. FCDL date 05/29/13. A significantly small wave compared to last year’s first wave, which occurred last summer.

State eRate Program Status

2012-13 (New Year) Application

1. BEARs requests were submitted for the three approved eRate applications.
2. USAC auditors are still processing the two remaining state eRate applications.

2013-14 (Upcoming Year) Application

1. DSIT is still collecting FY 2013-14 CIPA certification requests and MOU’s from network members this month.
2. DSIT is working with SDE/SCSL to ensure Tech Plan coverage for members by July 1st.

Bandwidth Allocation Deployment Phase IV-Fiber Placement Opportunities

1. There were no completed projects this month.
2. The following districts will have active projects soon:
Chester
3. The following districts are being evaluated:
Dillon 3 Berkeley (Phase III) Newberry

Network Changes

1. Conversion for under-served/expensive bandwidth updates for Wireless and MPLS locations is as follows:
 - a. The following Districts have MPLS locations that are under investigation:
Allendale (1) Charleston (5) Orangeburg 4 (2)
 - b. Libraries – General evaluations of layouts are being done to determine other options. Locations with MPLS (some have ME locations also) service are:
ABBE Charleston Fairfield Darlington
AHJ Colleton Orangeburg York
 - c. The following are Wireless WAN locations:
Kershaw (2) Aiken (1) Hampton 2 (8)

Agenda Item 5	Budget	Presenter:	James Gordon
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1. James has sent out budget forms so that we can begin establishing the budget for the next fiscal year. As of date, there has been no word from the Legislature.

Next Meeting	June 27, 2013
Location	Division of State IT, 4430 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210