

K-12 SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date	September 28, 2017
Meeting Location	Division of Technology 4430 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210
Facilitator	Keith Osman
Note Taker	Gay Hoyer
Attendees	Andrew Epting (Admin), Karen Rumpfelt (Admin), Petra Turner (Admin), Steven Lake (Admin), Michael Shelton (Admin), Melanie Barton (EOC), Dean Byrd (SCETV), Mark Jahnke (SCETV), Felix Childs (SCDE), Daniel Ralyea (SCDE), Charlie Zeberlein (DTO), John Bane (DTO), Denise Lyons (SCSL), Beth Shull (AT&T), Jane Sosebee (AT&T), Lynn Fralick (Spirit), Nola Armstrong (SC Telecom. Assoc.), Daniel Ralyea (SCDE), Tim Timmons (Clarendon SD#3)

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1	Approval of Minutes	Presenter:	Keith Osman
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1. Keith asked for a motion to approve the K-12 minutes from the August meeting. Minutes were approved without corrections or changes.

Agenda Item 2	E-Rate Status/K-12 Network Status	Presenter:	Andrew Epting
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FCC/USAC News

1. The FCC released a Public Notice on September 22, 2017 requesting comment on the success of the Category 2 budget program. Comments are due October 23, 2017.

SC E-Rate Consortia Update

1. 2016-17 Past: E-Rate Funding Year (07/01/2016 – 06/30/2017)
 - a. No change on School and Special School Internet Application appeal.
 - b. No SC applicants were funded in Waves 60-63.
2. 2017-18 Current: E-Rate Funding Year (07/01/2017 – 06/30/2018)
 - a. Waves 1-17 have been released and total \$5,007,744.67 (Compared to Waves 1-17 FY 2016/17 \$5,368,415.66).
 - b. Waves 13-17: \$1,903,511.32 from 85 applications for 36 SC applicants. (Compared to \$417 Million funded nationwide – 0.46%)
 - c. PIA Outreach has begun on statewide applications as of September 25th.
 - School WAN Application
3. 2018-19 Upcoming: E-Rate Funding Year (07/01/2018 – 06/30/2019)
 - a. SC E-Rate Consortium training:
 - Greenville: Hughes Main Library on November 08, 2017.
 - Columbia: Division of Technology (Broad River Road) on November 15, 2017.
 - b. Site Verifications/CIPA Issued
 - c. Administrative Window Lock Down
4. Internet Migration
 - a. 95% complete with remaining sites being delayed by longstanding permitting issues.

Agenda Item 3	EOC – General Updates	Presenter:	Melanie Barton
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1. Draft K-12 Technology Initiative Report – Melanie distributed a draft copy of the report. Since FY 2014-15 the General Assembly has appropriated lottery revenues and EIA revenues of approximately \$100 million to improve technology infrastructure in public schools. School districts and special schools can expend the funds for three purposes, which are directly tied to specific technology goals:

- a. To improve external connections to schools, with a goal of reaching at least 100 kilobits per second, per student in each school by 2017.
- b. To improve internal connections within schools, with a goal of reaching at least 1 megabit per second, per student in each school by 2017.
- c. To develop or expand one-to-one computing initiatives.
2. A district, which has achieved the above state goals for technology infrastructure, may submit a request to the K-12 Technology Initiative Committee for permission to expend its allocation on other technology-related uses.
3. The provisos governing the program in FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18 require the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) to develop a form for districts to report on how funds were expended.
4. The EOC and the SC Department of Education formulated questions that were included in the 2017 SC Technology Counts Survey to capture the following information:
 - a. How were K-12 Technology Initiative Funds expended in FY 2016-17?
 - b. Are school districts and schools meeting the three state goals for technology infrastructure?
 - c. How many districts sought and received permission from the K-12 Technology Initiative Committee to expend these funds on other technology uses?
5. All 82 school districts, including the SC Public Charter School District, and eight special schools responded to the survey. The SCDE provided to the EOC responses to questions related to the K-12 technology initiative program from the 2017 SC Technology Counts Survey.
6. Overall Findings:
 - a. In FY 2016-17, districts and special schools reported spending between \$24 -\$26 million in K-12 technology funds.
 - b. Based on Original Responses, as much as three-fourths of the funds were expended for internal and external connections and for 1:1 computing. Another one-fourth of the funds were expended on other technology uses. Data from corrected responses document approximately 7% of the total expenditures on other technology uses.
 - c. Of the 82 school districts that reported in the Original Responses, 33 districts reported spending 100% of the district allocation on improving internal and external connections and 1:1 computing.
 - d. Three school districts (Aiken, Calhoun and Lexington 1) requested waivers which were approved by the K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee to expend their K-12 Technology funds on other technology uses.
 - e. Regarding the impact of the K-12 Technology funds, districts and special schools reported the following in 1,195 schools:
 - On classroom access, over 99% of the schools have at least 91% of the classrooms with access the wireless network.
 - Approximately 40% of the schools had over 91% of students served by 1:1 learning in 2016-17 as compared to 28% of schools in 2015-16.
 - There were 564,577 devices dedicated for student use in these 1,195 schools.

Agenda Item 4	Budget	Presenter:	Karen Rumfelt
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1. Karen reviewed the current budget figures with the committee which included funding for the requests from both the State Library and SCETV.
 - a. State Library: Learning Express (\$166,563) and Homework Help Centers (\$150,000)
 - b. SCETV: Knowitall Upgrade Phase 4 (\$144,450)
2. Last meeting the State Library withdrew their request for the funding of Homework Help Centers to allow the \$150,000 to be used as matching funds for Category 2 requests. Since the last meeting, some funds became available and the Committee will now be able to fund the Homework Help Center without reducing the amount of money set aside for aiding with Category 2 matching fund requests.
3. Daniel Ralyea with the SC Department of Education presented their budget request for funding the following items:
 - a. Academic Competency Authoring Tool (\$100,000): Approved.
 - b. Customized Course Application & Tracking Application (\$250,000): Committee will leave this request in the budget but will table its decision pending additional information from SCDE.

Agenda Item 5	Waiver Request Charleston County School District	Presenter:	Keith Osman
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1. The committee received the additional information requested from Charleston County School District to utilize a portion of the district's Proviso 3.6 funds for other technology related uses.
2. After reviewing the request the committee determined that the district still had not met the requirements on 1:1 computing. While the Committee understands the need behind the request, the request had to be denied based on the language in the proviso. Andrew Epting will draft a response letter to the district informing them of this decision.

Agenda Item 6	Committee Open Discussion	Presenter:	Keith Osman
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1. Mike Shelton is working on the progress report. The last day to receive materials to be included in the report is October 1st.
2. October 26th meeting will be cancelled due to EdTech.
3. The date for the November/December combined meeting will be November 16th.
4. The principals will be contacted to set a date for the their annual meeting (Target date December 5th)

Next Meeting	November 16, 2017
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