

K-12 TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date	August 22, 2013
Meeting Location	DSIT – 4430 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210
Facilitator	Jimmy Earley
Note Taker	Gay Hoyer
Attendees	John Bane (DSIT), Melanie Barton (EOC), Dean Byrd (SCETV), Valarie Byrd (DSIT), Don Cantrell (SCDE), Jimmy Earley (DSIT), Claudette Flynn (SCDE), Teena Frazer (Spirit), James Gordon (DSIT), Samantha Hastings (USC), Angela Leon (DSIT), Sharron Myers (DSIT), Linda O’ Bryon (SCETV), Jerry Pate (SC Telecom. Assoc.), Mike Shelton (DSIT), Beth Shull (AT&T), Petra Turner (DSIT)

AGENDA ITEMS

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

Agenda Item 2	EOC Overview	Presenter:	Melanie Barton
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1. Melanie Barton with the Education Oversight Committee was on hand to give an overview of the organization.
2. South Carolina currently has 82 school districts (includes SC Public Charter School District), which is comprised of over 1,200 schools employing over 52,000 teachers and staff.
3. The state has approximately 725,000 students attending public schools; of those students 7% are Hispanic.
4. The statewide poverty index is 69.6% and only 40 schools serve a population with a poverty index or 30% or less in 2011-12.
5. South Carolina School Districts have been showing improvements in their Absolute Ratings over the past year.
6. Our state scores on national testing have increased while the national average has decreased.
7. Background of the EOC:
Governor Beasley introduced the Education Accountability Act of 1998, and with it established the Education Oversight Committee (EOC). The purpose was to establish a performance based accountability system for public education which focuses on improvement of teaching and learning so that students are equipped with a strong academic foundation. This was followed by “No Child Left Behind of 2001” federal law.
8. The Key components of the Act are:
 - a. Academic Standards & Assessments
 - b. Reporting
 - c. Rewards and Intervention
 - d. Public awareness
9. The Membership of the EOC consists of:
 - a. Governor and his/her designee
 - b. State Superintendent of Education (ex-officio)
 - c. Six legislators
 - d. Five business people
 - e. Five educators (teachers or principals)
10. The Roles and responsibilities of the committee are:

- a. Develop and improve the state’s accountability system (standards, assessments, report card ratings, etc.)
 - b. Recommend policies to ensure the continuous improvement of public schools
 - c. Recommend EIA budget and provisos
 - d. Inform and engage public (www.eoc.sc.gov) and(www.scfriendlystandards.org)
11. Some examples of legislative assignments tasked to the EOC include:
- a. Evaluation of program effectiveness including Child Development Education Pilot Program (CDEPP) and SC Teacher Loan Program
 - b. Implementation of Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children
 - c. Reporting results of annual parent surveys
12. EOC recommendations include:
- a. Innovation – *Transform SC*
 - b. Assessment Pilot Programs
 - c. Systemic Plan for Improving Reading
 - d. Technology
13. EOC’s Vision:
- By 2020, all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.
14. A stronger nation through Higher Education:
- a. By 2025, 60% of all Americans will have two- or four-year degree credential because 65% of jobs will require it
 - b. By 2018, 56% of the 630,000 jobs in SC will require postsecondary degree credentials. (Georgetown University)
15. Technology Recommendation:
- The EOC strongly implores the Governor and General Assembly to convene a blue ribbon panel that would determine South Carolina’s current and future technology needs. For public education, the panel would guide the distribution of technology funds to meet the needs for software, hardware, connectivity, professional development and instructional technologies for public schools. The panel would also assess the connectivity needs of the state regarding households and business, especially in rural South Carolina. Students who do not have internet access at home will experience greater obstacles in improving their technology skills or in using educational technology at home.
16. Future Issues:
- a. Replacement of PASS with national online assessments, possibly with computer adaptive testing capabilities
 - b. Instruction – Chromebooks, iPads, electronic textbooks, etc.
 - c. Professional development

Agenda Item 3	eRate Status / Network Changes	Presenter:	Valarie Byrd
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eRate News

- 1. The eRate program administrator (USAC-DLD) Fourth Quarter 2013 Funds Projection was filed with the FCC August 2, 2013. This report identified \$350 million available in roll-over funds.
- 2. FCC currently has four notices out for public comment or reply comment. Three of these documents are regarding the revision of five (5) FCC forms and the Eligible Services Listing for FY 2014. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) which will be utilized to help modernize the eRate program (eRate 2.0) is the most impactful.
- 3. A web form has been generated and distributed to the K-12 ListServ for NPRM responses. Web form responses are due by August 31st. The Web address is as follows:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1QFiKJWEIAXPBa5pdpMOO-PGNmhqlwBQk0sq81DTY5UE/viewform>

Other News

1. Valarie Byrd, SC eRate Coordinator, was able to meet with FCC Acting Chairwoman Mignon Clyburn who is a native of South Carolina.
2. Valarie provided Commissioner Clyburn a copy of the “2011-2012 K-12 Progress Report” and will provide the Commissioner a copy of the 2012-2013 report when it becomes available.
3. Valarie will be traveling to Washington DC in October to attend a conference, and has scheduled a follow-up meeting with the Commissioner.

State eRate Program Status

2012-13 (Previous Year) 07/01/2012 – 06/30/2013 Application

1. BEAR refund request have been submitted for processing by USAC.

2013-14 (Current Year) 07/01/2013 – 06/30/2014 Application

1. DSIT was contacted on 08/14/13 by assigned USAC “Initial” reviewer handling all five applications. The reviewer anticipates having all the applications reviewed by the end of August.
2. DSIT has been tracking library system bandwidth traffic in an effort to provide needed upgrades.
3. DSIT has been assisting applicants with for the USAC reviewer.
4. DSIT is working with vendors to complete the remaining 150 to 200 summer upgrade requests.

2013-14 (Upcoming Year) 07/01/2014 – 06/30/2015 Application

1. DSIT is preparing documents and presentations for late summer/fall delivery.

Bandwidth Allocation Deployment Phase IV-Fiber Placement Opportunities

1. The following districts will have active projects:
Chester Dillon 4 Dorchester 2
2. The following districts will soon have active projects:
Edgefield Newberry
3. The following districts are being evaluated:
Dillon 3 Anderson 4 & 5

Network Changes

1. Conversion for under-served/expensive bandwidth updates for Wireless and MPLS locations is as follows:
 - a. The Status of Districts that have MPLS locations:
Allendale ETVITFS Tower Project has been established and work has begun
Charleston Ethernet Solution Project has been finalized with work to begin soon
 - 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

K-12 Security Subcommittee

1. The committee did not meet this month.
2. The Security group is exchanging/upgrading equipment across the State. Thirty-two (32) device swaps have been completed.
3. ISAC’s goal is to exchange 1-2 devices each week as they await the delivery of more equipment.

Agenda Item 4	Guest Speaker/Topics	Presenter:	Jimmy Earley
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1. Jimmy Earley asked that any ideas for speakers or topics be sent to him or Gay Hoyer. Jimmy would really like to get speakers from the different schools or districts around the state. Don Cantrell suggested that Spartanburg School District 3 would be a good candidate to speak on their Dell Tablet

Initiative. It was also suggested that the Ed-Tech conference would be a good opportunity to scope-out not only ideas, but speakers for upcoming K-12 meetings. Jimmy also will explore the possibility of having someone from the Department of Commerce speak at a meeting.

Agenda Item 5	Amended Governance Bylaws Vote	Presenter:	Jimmy Earley
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1. Proposed changes were distributed at last month’s meeting for members to review.
2. Changes including adding the EOC as a member and the addition of the new provisos.
3. Linda O’Bryon made a motion that the proposed changes to the Governance Bylaws be accepted. The motion was seconded. Members/designees took a vote and the motion was passed.

Agenda Item 6	Budget	Presenter:	James Gordon
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1. James Gordon distributed a copy of the budget and explained the proposed budget to the committee.
2. There was a surplus of funds, which the Department of Education requested to send back to the schools. There will be a stipulation that the money is non-recurring and cannot be used for salaries but is to be used for infrastructure, connectivity, technology equipment or to supplement eRate.
3. ETV requested to increase the line item for Streamline. They requested \$650,000 for this item initially but discovered that there could be a rate increase and may need to increase the amount to \$\$750,000.
4. Instead of taking the \$100,000 from the money that was going back to the schools, Valarie reduced the amount she requested for network connectivity costs. If ETV finds that the \$100,000 is not needed, the money will go back to eRate.
5. Motion was made to move the \$100,000 from the eRate Network Connectivity Costs to ETV’s Streamline. Motion was seconded and passed.
6. The budget was agreed upon within the committee and will be emailed to the principals for final approval. (Email will be sent out this afternoon (August 22nd) requesting a reply by 2:00pm on Friday August 23rd).

Next Meeting	September 26, 2013
Location	Division of State IT, 4430 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210