

K-12 TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date	December 03, 2015
Meeting Location	Division of Technology 4430 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210
Facilitator	Keith Osman
Note Taker	Gay Hoyer
Attendees	Valarie Byrd (DT), James Gordon (DT), Karen Rumpfelt (DT), Michael Shelton (DT), Doris Johnson (DT), Bobbi Kennedy (ETV), Charlie Zeberlein (DTO), John Bane (DTO), Martin Crabtree (DIS), Charlie Seastrunk (DTO), Keith Osman (DTO), Don Cantrell (SDE), Samantha Hastings (USC), Charlie Seastrunk (DTO), Lynn Fralick (Spirit), Martie Willaby (Spirit)

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 October meeting. Minutes were approved without corrections or changes.

Agenda Item 2	E-Rate Status/K-12 Network Status	Presenter:	Valarie Byrd
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E-Rate News

1. The FCC will begin phase 1 of redesigning its website during the month of December 2015.
2. The FCC released a blog which provided a state-by-state comparison of nationwide monthly Internet (Transport Only - \$1,211; Internet only - \$3,320) rates. This data was based on FY 2015-16 E-Rate Applications. FCC indicated target of \$3 per/Mbs (\$3,000/1Gbs) per month.
3. USAC continues to make enhancements to the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) portal.

K-12 Committee Projects

1. Palmetto Unified School District (DOC) Tyger River HS: Economical solution identified and final cost estimates are being collected for project implementation. Estimated cost is around \$50,000. The scope of this project will include a 10 Mbs MPLS circuit connecting back to the district home office.
2. New Bandwidth Allocation Policies? Food for thought.
3. Division of Technology completed SETDA State Broadband Survey 2015 response.
4. Education Super Highway published a national report with data extracted from the 2015-16 State Consortia E-Rate Application and information provided via K-12 Committee Initiatives and BWA Policies. 97% Gov.Rating. Follow-up Conference Call with organizations after K-12 Committee Meeting.

State E-Rate Program Status

1. 2014-15 Old: E-Rate Funding Year (07/01/2014 – 06/30/2015)
 - a. USAC/KPMG BCAP Audit team confirmed onsite visit date of 12/15/2015. During this visit, the audit team has requested to visit the following school/district locations:
 - Richland SD 1 (District Office)
 - Richland SD 2 (District Office)
 - Midlands Middle College
 - East Point Academy
 - Pine Elementary School
 - b. Final Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) payment received for this funding year.
 - c. Pending audit results – Official funding year closure activities (FCC Form 500).
2. 2015-16 Current: E-Rate Funding Year (07/01/2015 – 06/30/2016)
 - a. Approximately 299 vendor orders are remaining. The vast majority of orders are due to AT&T ASE projects.
 - b. Division of Technology is preparing to acquire information for new E-Rate BEAR processing (direct payments) 07/01/2016.
3. 2016-17 Upcoming: E-Rate Funding Year (07/01/16 – 06/30/17)

- a. Division of Technology is working on collecting state consortia compliance documentation (CIPA, Site Verifications)
- b. Division of Technology is working with State Department of Education and State Library to prepare State Validation files.
- c. Three of six Fall 2015 E-Rate Applicant Training session have been completed.

K-12 Network Status (External Broadband Availability Improvements)

Conversion for under-served/expensive bandwidth updates for Wireless and MPLS locations is as follows:

1. Library Systems Solutions Update:

- a. Metro Ethernet solutions identified for the following Libraries:
 - (4) ABBE Library System **ALL**: Vendor orders in progress
 - (3) Orangeburg Library System: Vendor orders in progress. *
- *Awaiting library equipment installation to complete upgrades

Bandwidth Allocation Deployment Phase IV-Fiber Placement Opportunities

1. The following districts have completed projects: **Berkeley SD**
2. The following districts have active projects:
 - **Lexington Richland 5**
 - **Orangeburg Library System-Entrance Facilities**
3. The following districts are being evaluated or awaiting approval to proceed:
 - **Richland 1 SD**
 - **Charleston SD**
 - **Georgetown SD**

Agenda Item 3	EOC – General Updates	Presenter:	Melanie Barton
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1. EOC and the Department of Education received the technology surveys from the schools and report cards were issued in November. The survey included items related to bandwidth which is now a report card item and is public record.
2. The EOC and SDE will revise/update the survey based on comments and suggestions that were received from the districts and should be administered sometime in February or March 2016.
3. There were several DDOS attacks on schools which were detected and mitigated by both Spirit and AT&T thanks to the protection service which was provided to the schools with funds from the K-12 Committee.

Agenda Item 4	Year End Progress Report/Principal’s Meeting	Presenter:	Keith Osman
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1. A draft PowerPoint presentation of the Year End Progress Report was reviewed and edited for presentation to the Principals on 12/10/2015.

Agenda Item 5	Open Discussion	Presenter:	Keith Osman
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1. Matt Hoffman, Executive Director with the Clover School District, sent a letter to the L-12 School Technology Initiative Committee stating that Clover School District, York 2 has met and/or exceeded the item addressed in the L-12 Education Reform Initiative regarding Investing in Education Technology and Connectivity and is therefore requesting access to the funding allocated to Clover for a different technological initiative related to online testing and testing security.
2. Melanie Barton with the EOC confirmed that they had indeed met or exceeded the current requirement.
3. The committee voted and agreed to allow the School District to use the funds for an initiative related to online testing and testing security.
4. A letter will be sent to Melanie Barton at the EOC and/or the SC Department of Education informing them of the committee’s decision.

Next Meeting	January 28, 2016
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