

K-12 SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date	January 26, 2017
Meeting Location	Division of Technology 4430 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210
Facilitator	Andrew Epting
Note Taker	Gay Hoyer
Attendees	Andrew Epting (Admin), Karen Rumfelt (Admin), Petra Turner (Admin), James Gordon (Admin), Mike Shelton (Admin), Steven Lake (Admin), Bobbi Kennedy (ETV), Melanie Barton (EOC), Don Cantrell (SDE), Valarie Byrd (SDE), Denise Lyons (SCSL), Charlie Zeberlein (DTO), David Lankes (USC), Beth Shull (AT&T), Lynn Fralick (Spirit), Martie Willaby (Spirit), Spencer Benham, Jim Alexander & Bill Brown (Greenville Co. Schools)

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1	Approval of Minutes	Presenter:	Andrew Epting
----------------------	----------------------------	-------------------	----------------------

1. Andrew 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:	Andrew Epting
----------------------	--	-------------------	----------------------

FCC/USAC News

1. No official Form 471 Application Window; last guidance provided was 02/01/2017 – 03/31/2017.
2. USAC has recently provided several updates to EPC including online Form 500 and search functionality.
3. EPC Public Profile Lockdown period and data push is currently underway.

K-12 Committee Projects

1. SANS and GIAC:
 - 3 course vouchers and 38 certification vouchers are still available.
 - 29 school districts have not participated and have first priority.

SC E-Rate Consortia Update

1. 2016-17 Current: E-Rate Funding Year (07/01/2016 – 06/30/2017)
 - a. As of 01/23/17 none of the five applications have been funded but one is under initial review, three are in PIA review and one has been moved to Final Review.
 - b. Waves 18-30 have been released and total \$13,918,909 for South Carolina.
2. Form 470s and other Contracts:
 - a. As many as twelve State Master Contracts will require State Replacement Contract corrective action during the E-Rate Form 471 filing window.
 - b. Hewlett Packard and Citrix will experience a lapse in E-Rate eligibility.
3. 2017-18 Upcoming: E-Rate Funding Year (07/01/2017 – 06/30/2018)
 - a. January 2017: Bandwidth Forecasting and E-Rate Valid Data File.
 - b. February – March 2017: Estimated FY 2017 – 18 Form 471 Filing Window
4. SC E-Rate Consortium Training Workshops
 - a. Hosted two training which reached approximately 35 entities.
5. Internet Migration
 - a. 44 districts, 20 library systems and 27 charter schools will be migrating by 06/30/2017.
 - b. Maintaining constant communication with vendor and entities affected
 - Hosted two Vendor Q/A sessions for migrating entities in Columbia and Charleston 01/06/17 and 01/18/17.
 - Issued a memo to leadership at all migrating entities on 01/20/17.
 - c. Districts are scheduling migration around online testing windows.

Agenda Item 3	DOE – MoDAM Applications	Presenter:	Don Cantrell
----------------------	---------------------------------	-------------------	---------------------

- 1. Proviso 3.6 (9) Department of Education –Mobile Device Access Management (\$3,000,000)**
Funds appropriated to the Department of Education for Mobile Device Access and Management shall be disbursed to school districts to procure high-speed mobile internet service for students that lack such internet service at home and are participation in a course of study that requires such access, as demonstrated by the school district. Districts requesting funding shall make application to the South Carolina K-12 Technology Committee in a form approved by the committee and the Department of Education detailing, at a minimum, the proposed uses of such mobile internet service, the number of students eligible for the service, the process used to determine student eligibility, and the process by which the devices will be secured and use-restricted to prevent breach or misuse. The Committee may approve requests in whole or in-part as funds are available.

The Department of Administration, Division of Technology may disapprove applications if the district’s mobile device management plans are insufficient to properly secure mobile internet devices issued to students. The Division of Technology may offer mobile management services to applicant districts in lieu of a district-specific plan.
2. The Department of Education along with the Division of Technology developed an application form which was posted online. Any applications received will be reviewed by The Department of Education and DTO to make sure that security protocols are being met. If the protocols are not met the application will be declined. If the application meets current standards it will be presented to the committee for approval. The cut-off date for receiving applications is February 15, 2017. The Department of Education will send out a memo to the schools reminding them of the funding opportunity and informing them of the cut-off date.
3. The following schools/districts submitted applications. Their applications were reviewed by the Department of Education and The Division of Technology Operations and security protocols and other necessary requirements were met. The applications were voted on by the committee and approved for 100% of the funding amount requested.

School District	Award Amount
Chester County School District	\$29,100.00
Greenville School District	\$1,205,644.00
Spartanburg One School District	\$9,118.00
Fairfield County School District	\$68,838.00
Berkeley County School District	\$196,848.11
Florence County School District 2	\$115,000.00
Anderson County School District 1	\$8,058.00
School District of Pickens	\$203,280.00

4. The Committee will send award letters to the school districts and advise the Department of Education of the award amounts to be distributed.

Agenda Item 4	EOC – General Updates	Presenter:	Melanie Barton
----------------------	------------------------------	-------------------	-----------------------

1. There are two items on the General Assembly’s agenda at the moment that effects schools. The Palmetto Digital Literacy Project and the SC Computer Science Initiative.
2. **Palmetto Digital Literacy** is a program where Learning.com has partnered with the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee and the Department of Education to help prepare students and teachers with digital literacy skills. Funding is available to purchase K-8 digital literacy curriculum and technology skills assessments for teachers and students. School districts must have poverty indices of 80% or greater or be a trial and plaintiff district in the Abbeville equity lawsuit to qualify.
3. **South Carolina Computer Science Education Initiative:** Before August 1, 2018 the State Board of Education shall adopt grade appropriate standards for computer science and computational thinking and computer coding for grades 9-12. Experts and officials from higher education, business and industry must be included in the development of the standards. Not later than the 2019-2020 School Year, each public high school and public charter high school must offer at least one computer science course.

Agenda Item 5	Budget	Presenter:	James Gordon
----------------------	---------------	-------------------	---------------------

1. James Gordon announced that the budget for 2016-17 has been approved by the K-12 Principals.

Agenda Item 6	Committee Open Discussion	Presenter:	Keith Osman
----------------------	----------------------------------	-------------------	--------------------

1. Don Cantrell who is the Point of Contact for Department of Education will be retiring April 02, 2017. His replacement on the committee has not yet been named.

Next Meeting	February 23, 2017
Location	Division of Technology, 4430 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210