

K-12 TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date	June 27, 2013
Meeting Location	DSIT – 4430 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210
Facilitator	Tom Fletcher
Note Taker	Gay Hoyer
Attendees	John Bane (DSIT), Dean Byrd (SCETV), Valarie Byrd (DSIT), Don Cantrell (SCDE), Tom Fletcher (DSIT), James Gordon (DSIT), Sharron Myers (DSIT), Linda O’Byron (SCETV), Jerry Pate (SC Telecom. Assoc.), Beth Shull (AT&T), Petra Turner (DSIT), Angela Leon (DSIT), Jason Broughton (SCSL)

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 May meeting. The minutes were approved with no changes.

Agenda Item 2	WORKSC/Workforce Initiative	Presenter:	Jason Broughton
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1. Jason Broughton, Outreach Coordinator from the South Carolina State Library, gave an overview of the role the library is playing in Workforce Development.
2. Jason is the SC State Library’s Workforce Development Trainer. He brings years of experience in training and workforce development. Jason focuses on out-of-work community residents who visit our libraries seeking help as well as developing library staff to work more effectively with these people.
3. Some of the services offered by Jason and his co-workers are:

For Library Staff:

- How to assist the unemployed.
- Introduction to online workforce development tools and resources.
- Assessment of library and community resources.
- Networking with local workforce agencies
- WorkSC.org overview.
- Promoting job-related services.
- Starting a job club.

For People Looking for Work:

- Mastering the online job search.
 - Honing interview skills.
 - How to build a winning resume.
 - Creating the portfolio and work artifacts.
 - General employment law and fine print.
4. The SC State Library has launched a new web site, WorkSC.org, to assist libraries, state government agencies and employees, and citizens to locate useful on the many facets of workshop development. The site, initially created with libraries and first-time job seekers in mind, offers many useful links for the beginning as well as seasoned job seekers. The website is:
 - Organized in an easy to use format, the web site features job news, a calendar of events, and links to featured job-related resources.
 - At the site you can:

Further Your Education: Whether you're seeking a GED or a college degree, there are federal and state resources designed to assist you in your journey. The federal government also provides financial assistance for continuing education.

Learn at the Library: Public libraries have taken center stage as a hub for employment resources during this time of economic hardship. You can find free career resources, expert advice, and access to essential technology at your local library.

Develop Job Skills on Line: The Internet is a dream come true for an independent learner. On the web, you can find information, tutorials, and training to enhance your job skills for today's fast-moving economy.

Learn about Obstacles and Opportunities: While the struggling economy affects Americans at all income and education levels, the challenges are particularly acute for those with multiple barriers to employment, including formerly incarcerated individuals. The information presented in this section may help.

- WorkSC.org visitors can learn how to create free email accounts, how to use Microsoft Word to write a resume, access job training tutorials and links to training opportunities hosted at libraries.
 - Users can find links to SC specific as well as national job listings sites along with helpful tips for job searching and building interview skills.
 - There are also resources for starting a business and tips for thriving in the workplace after finding a job. For more information visit www.worksc.org.
5. Other useful web sites offered by the State Library include DISCUS, which offers an eBook collection that contains many eBooks some of which deal with careers and Learning Express that has self-assessment items to that allow users to enhance their job skills. Learning Express has items for fourth graders up to adults. It give the user access to:
- Practice tests, courses, ebooks
 - GED, ASVAB, computer skills
 - Reading, writing, math resources
6. The importance of education cannot be overstated in today's employment landscape. Whether your potential career requires a post-graduate degree, a professional certification, or just a brush up on basic technology skills, you will find resources below to help match you with the proper program.

Agenda Item 3	Organizational Changes	Presenter:	Tom Fletcher
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1. Tom Fletcher is retiring and resigned his position as Chairman of the Committee. Lynda O’Bryan nominated Jimmy Earley to fill the position of Committee Chairman, nomination was seconded, a call was made for additional nominations, none were made and Dean Byrd asked the nominations be closed. The Governmental Entities voted and Jimmy Earley was nominated as the new Chairman.

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

1. President Obama unveiled his ConnectED Initiative geared at providing connectivity to 99% of America’s students to the internet through high-speed broadband and high-speed wireless within five years. He is encouraging the FCC to modernize and leverage the current eRate program to meet this goal. The three components of this proposal focus on three core areas: (1) Upgraded Connectivity, (2) Improved Teaching, (3) Unleashing Private-Sector Innovation.
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/connected> *Note: Loris Elementary School, located in Loris, South Carolina was cited as an example of a successful school in this document.*
2. “eRate 2.0” which will revamp the 15 year old FCC eRate program is now being developed. Anticipated, is the release of a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) by the FCC this summer.
3. Senate Commerce Committee Chairman, Jay Rockefeller, who helped create the eRate program, has emphasized his plans to concentrate on expanding the program on several occasions: Most recently, during the FCC Chairman Nomination Hearing for Wheeler, who promised to support the initiative to improve the program.
4. A noted response made by Wheeler to Chairman Rockefeller after commenting that he has supported the eRate program since 1996 was: *“It doesn’t make sense that 80% of eRate schools report the available bandwidth is below their instructional needs”.*

State eRate Program Status

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

1. The two remaining state eRate Applications funding requests were approved 06/19/2013.
2. The eRate staff is currently processing BEAR refund requests.

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

1. All five eRate Funding Applications went through a “Selective Review” audit by USAC.
2. DSIT is working on collecting the few remaining CIPA and MOU documents from network members.
3. DSIT is working with SCDE/SCSL to ensure Tech Plan coverage for members by July 1st.
4. DSIT is working with vendors to complete 200+ circuit upgrade orders this summer.

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

1. DSIT is working on preparing documents for the late summer/fall collections.
2. DSIT is working with SCDE to prepare for school changes (New/Renames/Closures etc.).

Bandwidth Allocation Deployment Phase IV-Fiber Placement Opportunities

1. The following districts have completed projects:
Dillon 4
2. The following districts will have active projects soon:
Chester Dorchester 4
3. The following districts are being evaluated:
Dillon 3 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 Charleston Orangeburg 4
 - 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 & Aiken Hampton 1 (8)
Fiber Confirmed Remain Wireless 100mbps available

K-12 Security Subcommittee

1. The committee met and reviewed its current action items.
2. The Security group is exchanging/upgrading equipment across the State. Ten device swaps have been completed.
3. A new employee, Devin Davis, has been hired to manage the K-12 Network ISAC reporting functions.
4. ISAC is working on finalizing equipment assessments.

Agenda Item 5	Budget	Presenter:	James Gordon
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1. Budget numbers have been received from DSIT and the State Library; currently awaiting carry-forward numbers from SCETV and SC Department of Education. It appears that the legislature will appropriate the same funds to the program as they did last year.

Next Meeting	July 25, 2013
Location	Division of State IT, 4430 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210