South Carolina K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2022

Attendees:

Keith Osman, ADMIN	Dana Yow, EOC
Karen Rumfelt, ADMIN	Brian Pratt, SDE
Robert Nichols, ADMIN	Felix Childs, SDE
Victoria Gooch, ADMIN	Valarie Byrd, SDE
Petra Turner, ADMIN	Betsy Carpentier, SDE
Matt Kinard, ADMIN	Jason Jones, AT&T
Jay Meyer, ADMIN	Corby Looney, AT&T
Emily Prosser, ADMIN	Jane Sosebee, AT&T
Mackenzie Jackson, ADMIN	Tina Leitzsey, SDNC
Mike Shelton, ADMIN	Austin Guy, SDNC
Mark Leslie, Richland One SD	Nola Armstrong, SCTBA
Lynn Fralick, SEGRA	Salandra Bowman, SCETV
Patricia Sinclair, State Library	

Noting a quorum of Committee members, Keith Osman called the meeting to order. First item of business, Mr. Osman introduced Jay Meyer, Chief Information Officer, to the Committee. Mr. Meyer brings knowledge from his private sector IT experience and has been with the State for 15 months.

Approval of Minutes:
Minutes of the July 28, 2022 Committee meeting were provided to Committee members.
Mr. Osman solicited the Committee members for comments, edits, and questions regarding the minutes.
Hearing none, Salandra Bowman motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Jane Sosebee seconded the motion.
- The July 28, 2022 S.C. K-12 School Technology Initiative Committee Minutes were unanimously approved.

Principals' Meeting Recap:
Keith Osman provided a summary of the August Principals' Meeting, stating that the FY23 Budget was approved. He informed the committee that all non-discretionary items requested by ETV and the State Library were approved as well.

E-Rate Update:
Victoria Gooch provided an update on various E-Rate related issues to the Committee.

1. All applications for the 2022-2023 Funding year were approved and funded.
2. The Bandwidth Allocation & Security Monitoring policy is being revised. The revision will include the bandwidth speeds based on the new internet contract, as discussed in the July committee meeting.
3. The first round of Category 2 reimbursements has been submitted for processing. Covering reimbursements for 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and one for 2022-2023.
4. E-Rate's Administrative window in EPC opens October 25th

SC Department of Education Presentation:
Brian Pratt with the SC Department of Education provided some insight into a new Linewize product, designed to monitor activity on school-issued devices.
1. Not only monitors sites visited, but also the content typed into notes, websites, MS Word, etc.
2. Looks for specific key words and categorizes them
3. There is a 24/7 help desk that monitors those key words that are flagged
   a. 98% of these key words are caught by AI, and the rest are escalated to the help desk
4. The school delegates a response team which the help desk reaches out to in case immediate response is needed, and they can set their own parameters of urgency
5. Charter schools are not currently included in this offering
6. Out of 50 thousand acquired licenses, 30 thousand have already been promised out to schools
7. 1:1 device to client ratio, at a cost of around $1.99/student/year
8. Tina Leitzsey provided examples of its benefits already seen within Newberry County Schools
9. Mr. Pratt said some schools are currently opting out as they do not have the resources to implement a new system at this time

Keith Osman updates:

1. Mr. Osman provided an update on the Cisco Umbrella
   - It has been approved, with the one change being that Cisco offered a last-minute 5-year deal that the State was able to secure.

Fourth Quarter Meeting proposal:

As the potential meeting dates for November and December align very closely with holiday schedules, The Department of Administration proposed to hold a 4th quarter meeting on November 3rd. Unanimous decision was reached, and the next meeting will be Thursday, November 3rd at 9am.

Adjournment

Mr. Osman opened the floor for open discussion, but there were no other comments raised. Hearing no other new or old business, Mr. Osman motioned that the meeting be adjourned.
- All Committee members approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.