LACATech Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2005

Roll Call

The LACATech meeting was called to order at 8:30am on February 2, 2005. The following members were present: Mike Carter (Johnstown), Jesse Lyon (C-TEC), Beth Spieth (Lakewood), Dave Calloway (Licking County ESC), Larry Smith (North Fork), Mark Goodall (Tri-Valley), Kevin Snyder (West Muskingum), Michelle Berry (Heath), Sondra Wilson (Newark), and Sandra Mercer (LACA). Denny Souder (Granville) arrived at 8:45am.   Others attending included Jon Bowers(LACA), Joey Alexander (LACA), David Stein (LACA), Carol Van Deest (SchoolNet), Amy Palermo (ITSCO), Jill Merry (St. Francis), John Reeves (Welsh Hills), and David Deibel (Granville Christian).

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

05-14   It was moved by Beth Spieth and seconded by Dave Calloway to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2004 meeting. A vote of approval was taken.

ITSCO Update

Amy Palermo provided the ITSCO update. If there are any questions please direct them to her at **amy@itsco.org**.

SchoolNet Update

A Schoolnet Update was presented by Carol Van Deest Please contact Carol at vandeest@osn.state.oh.us with any questions about the Schoolnet Update.

E-Rate/Onenet Updates

FY06 – All districts and non-public schools have posted 470s. LACA has responded to all 470s with bids. LACA has received about 25% of the contracts back and is placing calls to others. February 18 is the deadline for signing contracts and posting 471s on the e-rate website. FY04 – E-rate checks have been sent to district treasurers along with network pool invoices. OneNet billing for FY05 also went out.

WAN Updates

Fiber Feasibility Study – Waiting on movement on TFN/DA-Site connectivity before moving forward with fiber to the schools. LACA met with the City of Newark about the possibility of sharing fiber with city government, hospitals, law enforcement, and the schools.

TFN Updates – Core equipment has been purchased by ODE. Should be delivered March 1. If funding is available, the plan is to have all DA-Sites connected by December 31.

Pix Issues – Joey has made another change to the configs. It was reported that some people were still having problems. More investigation will be done into possible DNS issues or routing issues.   The old DNS server 156.63.145.6 will be removed from service on Friday February 4, 2005 at 10:30am. If this causes problems for any districts, please inform LACA.

Technical Services Updates

Spysweeper - Based upon district interest, LACA will coordinate a group purchase for Webroot's Spysweeper Anti-Spyware software.   Purchase orders must be submitted to LACA before March 1, 2005. Cost is $0.80 per 3-year license. There will be a demo of Spysweeper installation at the next LACATech meeting.

Exchange 2003 Migration Discussion - The website http://www.laca.org/exchange/ was shared with the group for comment. This will be the central source of information about the conversion to Exchange. Some aspects of the site were pointed out as being confusing and will be changed. The current migration plan was to migrate the LACA staff first, then the Technology Coordinators by the end of February/Early March.   The rest of the users would be moved over or around spring break. .

Offsite Storage – E-vault – The idea of having LACA house off-site backups of district servers for disaster recovery was discussed. Plan to test with West Muskingum and Tri-Valley. Interest was expressed among other districts, depending on the cost.

Web Hosting Services – LACA met with Schoolwires and was offered a proposal for web hosting for all of our member schools. Our findings were presented to the LACATech group, and the group did not wish to pursue this any further.

CSA Update – LACA will be invoicing districts who purchased CSA very soon., LACA is fully up and running on CSA. The LCESC is installed and running in a testing/observation mode. C-Tec is preparing to install, and Newark is ordering a server to house the software.

Other Discussion

IVDL Updates – OneNet plans to remove ATM by FY07, and we are still waiting on a state migration report. The state is testing IP video, and there is some concern on the state bridge. They may need to purchase new equipment (or upgrade existing equipment). LACA has purchased three polycoms for school district use. Ohio University Zanesville gave Tri-Valley a polycom for HS guidance/placement.   The RUS grant has been submitted. This would provide Maysville ,Tri-Valley, West Muskingum, and Heath elementaries with video conferencing equipment, in the amount of $12,000 in hardware and $30,000 in content.

K-12 Classroom Data (Progress Book) Updates - Pop-up blockers are still causing problems. We are testing the EMIS interface to Special Ed, and plan to install form changes in the next 3-4 weeks.

Library Automation -   Sirsi is now live at Tri-Valley and Maysville. Please check the transition schedule for additional district conversion dates.

DASL – There will be a DASL presentation at the next LACATech meeting.

New Business

The next scheduled LACATech meeting will be April 6, 2005 at 8:30am in LACA's Conference Room.

Randy Wilcox from INFOLink wants to begin attending the meetings, but we don't have vendors sit in on these meetings.   It was decided by the group to decline his request to attend.

05-15   It was moved by Dave Calloway and seconded by Beth Spieth to adjourn the meeting at 10:45am.

Rob Sanders from Gateway, Rob Tate from Epson, and John Flint presented a session on PC hardware and projectors immediately following the meeting.