LACATech Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2012

Roll Call

The LACATech meeting was called to order at 8:40am on March 7, 2012. The following members were present for the roll call: Joe Winnenberg (Crooksville), Gerry Cannon (C-TEC), Kim VanWey and Randy McFerren (East Muskingum), Michele Berry (Heath), Brian Gottfried (LCESC), Jamison Ables (Newark City), Larry Smith (North Fork), Shawn Wilkoski (Northridge), Jeff Cameron (Southwest Licking), Harold Gottke (Tri-Valley), Matt Snyder (West Muskingum), Tim Owen (Lakewood), and Jon Bowers (LACA). Representatives from Granville, Licking Heights, Maysville, and Mount Vernon were unable to attend.

Others attending were Paul Kamenan (Fairfield Christian Academy), David Deibel (Granville Christian Academy), Joey Alexander (LACA), Dave Stein (LACA), Chad Carson (LACA), and Robert Rittenhouse (LACA).

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

12-9   It was moved by Brian Gottfried and seconded by Shawn Wilkoski to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2012 LACATech meeting. A unanimous vote of approval was taken.

eTech Ohio Update

Mike Edwards provided an eTech Ohio update. Please direct any questions about the update to Mike at mike.d.edwards@etech.ohio.gov or visit the eTech Ohio website at http://www.etech.ohio.gov.

ITSCO Update

Bill Mooney provided an ITSCO update. Please direct any questions about the ITSCO update to Bill at bill@itsco.org or visit the ITSCO website at http://www.itsco.org/

Video Services

Most schools have a Polycom HDX 7000 system. Good deals are being offered by The Videoconference Store on used HDX 8000 and 9000 systems. If you are considering buying a system or a 2nd system for your school, please contact Dave Stein for more information. Michele Carlisle is still available to do Moodle training for your district. Please contact her at mcarlisle@laca.org to arrange a training session.   LACA can also sell Blackboard, an alternative to Moodle, for a cost of $2600 per year (including instructor training) through a hosting agreement with SCOCA, another ITC in south-central Ohio.   A listing of next year's video distance learning classes offered through LACA and the ECOESC was distributed to the group. All AP classes offered through video distance-learning can be paid for with the iLearn grant, with the exception of the course materials. Contact Michele Carlisle for information or to request a class.

Ohio K-12 Network Updates

It does not appear that subsidies will be cut next year, and will remain at $1800 per building. This is not official yet, but there is no indication that it will be cut. The K-12 Network Committee is reviewing a proposal to take all primary (HS) links to districts to 1GB and secondary links (Elementary schools) to 100mb. This is being driven by the electronic assessments that are to be

done in 2014. ODE distributed a list of locations where informational seminars will be held about the new student assessments starting in 2014. LACA passed this on to everyone.

WAN Updates
LACA Core Network Upgrade – March 15 at 10:00-11:00pm LACA's core 6500 switch will need rebooted so it will boot onto updated software and recognize the new 10GB module that was installed. March 29 starting at 5:00pm until 10:00pm, will be replacing our main internet firewall with a 10gig capable model. This will take down access to the Internet. After this is complete, we will be moving individual districts into a newer module in the 6500, but this will be scheduled with each district.

Technical Services Update
E-Mail – Nearly everyone is moved with the exception of one district and two non-pubs. Chad Carson asked if there were any outstanding issues or items we need to address, and none were brought up.
VoIP Partner – LACA is now working with MCPC for future VoIP installations and implementations. Robert Rittenhouse will be providing day-to-day support, allowing LACA to significantly reduce costs for the VoIP project.

Unfinished Business
Managed Wi-Fi Service – Working with Powernet Global, LACA is currently evaluating gear from Ruckus Wireless. This is a service we can bid on and begin offering July 1. LACA will own the gear (access points and on-site controller) and lease it on a monthly per/AP cost. If you are interested in this service, please contact Chad Carson at LACA.

New Business
BYOD - Chad Carson distributed some sample BYOD/BYOT policies for review by everyone. LACA can create a template as a starting point for the group if that would be helpful. It was agreed that would be useful. Some topics to include in the template would be policy on teachers/students losing/damaging equipment, who pays if they do, etc.

Safari Montage – LACA has brought up the option of trying to get a group rate on Safari Montage, however our timing was usually right after renewals of other systems was complete. We are bringing this up again so there is plenty of lead time to review this product and make a decision before the new school year starts. Many districts indicated that the technology coordinator is not necessarily the person that decides to buy this; it is more the curriculum director. Speak to your curriculum directors and if they want are interested or want to see a demo, please let LACA know.
Study Island - The group was asked if there was interest in seeing a Study Island demo. There was not sufficient interest from the group.
Support for HP/Juniper switches – LACA has historically always assisted with the first Cisco switch attached to our demark (LACA's 3560 switch or router). We will now officially support HP and Juniper switches as well as Cisco.
Topic-Based Meetings – Apple will present on iPad Management in schools on April 4, 2012. Jamison Ables from Newark will also demo Casper software in use a Newark City Schools.

12-10   It was moved by Brian Gottfried and seconded by Larry Smith to adjourn the meeting at 10:00am.

Reported by Chad Carson, Director of Technology, LACA