



LACATech Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2013

Roll Call

The LACATech meeting was called to order at 8:40am on September 11, 2013. The following members were present for the roll call: Joe Winnenberg (Crooksville), Rocky Ringhiser (C-TEC), Kim Vanwey and Randy McFerren (East Muskingum), Michele Berry (Heath), Kevin Snyder (Lancaster), Keith DeVore (LCESC), Eric Smith (Maysville), Chip Zolman and Bill Seder (Mount Vernon), Jamison Ables and Bryan Gibson (Newark City), Jack Kruse (Northridge), Jeff Cameron (Southwest Licking), Chris Irvin (Tri-Valley), Ted Harrison (West Muskingum), Larry Smith (North Fork), Tim Owen (Lakewood), and Jon Bowers (LACA). Representatives from Granville and Licking Heights were unable to attend.

Others attending were Paul Kamenan (Fairfield Christian Academy), David Deibel (Granville Christian), Jeremy Wise (Foxfire), Rich Schaffer (Mount Vernon), Joey Alexander (LACA), Robert Rittenhouse (LACA), Dave Stein (LACA), Justin Post (LACA), and Chad Carson (LACA).

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

14-1 It was moved by Michele Berry and seconded by Jeff Cameron to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2013 LACATech meeting. A unanimous vote of approval was taken.

Introduction of New Members

Jack Kruse from Northridge and Ted Harrison from West Muskingum were introduced to the group as new technology coordinators for the respective districts. Justin Post, LACA's new Network Coordinator, was introduced to the group.

eTech Ohio Update

A representative from eTech was unable to attend. There was no eTech update at this meeting.

ITSCO Update

David Hayward provided an ITSCO update over video. Please direct any questions about the ITSCO update to David at david@itsco.org or visit the ITSCO website at <http://www.itsco.org/>

Video Services

Michele Carlise presented on video services remotely via video. There will be a Video Lead Teacher kickoff meeting on September 12, 2013 at 9:00am. This meeting will cover an overview of procedures and show two demos of video sessions from on-demand providers. Please let LACA know if the Video Lead Teacher for your building has changed. We count on these lead teachers to relay information about video opportunities to others in the building(s). LACA and the ECOESC collaboratively wrote a RUS (Rural Utilities Services) commission grant over the summer, and our application is currently in review by the Federal Government. The end goal of this grant is to obtain our own video conferencing bridge for LACA/ECOESC, eliminating our dependency on the eTech bridge. Please remember to change Polycom remote batteries frequently to avoid leaks and damage to these expensive remote controls. It was reiterated that maintenance on Polycom video equipment is very important, especially if you rely on this

equipment for daily instruction. We are still offering many foreign language AP courses, multiple Mandarin Chinese, and demand for American Sign Language is increasing.

Ohio K-12 Network Updates

For all non-public schools, the ITCs have submitted the application for K12 Network funding. For the public schools, this is now done through Cherwell, a new state-wide helpdesk application, not through eTech. Funding may be delayed because the application process is delayed. Jon Bowers will get information to the group on the application process as soon as he has it. There will still be two payments split over the year. There is a project to provide all ITCs with 10GB connections to the K12 network which is moving forward in November 2013.

WAN Updates

ISP Contracts - You can start posting 470s. Please let us know if you are looking at voice or wireless for next year ASAP, so we have time to survey and prepare for a quote. Note that the FCC thinks wireless is priority one, but USAC says priority two. We did get agreement from FCC that it should be priority one. They are taking comments on services and will look hard at making it priority one. There have been no denials for those applying for hosted wireless, and one approval. So far there are no denials in Ohio that we know of. Many technology coordinators reported they are not getting messages from Laurie German. Jon Bowers will look into this. Feel free to forward inquiries about eRate to LACA for assistance in responding. Laurie German is also a great resource for this.

LACA Circuit Review - Chad Carson discussed the multiple changes to the network links that occurred over the summer, both as a result of Time-Warner contract renewals (transition from ELINE to ELAN circuits) as well as the LACA facility move. He asked if there were still any outstanding errors that were known that we should address, and there were none. LACA network staff are in the process of working with each of you who received bandwidth upgrades to insure that you are seeing the speeds you purchased, using iPerf bandwidth testing.

Bandwidth Planning – District should begin planning ahead for bandwidth usage in FY15 if adding more devices, adding mobile devices, one-to-one, BYOT/BYOD. You can always plan to buy more, but only buy it if you really need it. Please get with the LACA network staff if you need assistance in planning.

Technical Services Update

Internet Filtering Discussion – Discussion took place on the transition away from M86 to iBoss. After much discussion, it was moved by Kevin Snyder and seconded by Jack Kruse to switch from M86 to iBoss before the end of the current M86 contract expiration date. A unanimous vote of approval was taken.

OpenDNS – For years, OpenDNS offered a rudimentary level of filtering for those who used their DNS servers...they would just not return DNS queries for porn sites, etc. LACA was recently informed that this service is being discontinued by OpenDNS. LACA just wants to make everyone aware that this kicked in when the M86 filter was offline or not working, and this will NOT be the case now. LACA plans to have redundant iBoss boxes (most likely a spare box on standby in case the primary fails) to help minimize downtime. This will be proposed to the LACA Governing Board who makes the final decision on purchases.

Old Business

LACA Facility Move – LACA is now fully moved into the Roosevelt building and all operations are normal. There will be a dedication/open house on October 14th at 6:30pm.

PARCC Assessments – There will be a PARCC presentation on October 15 from 9:00 to 11:00am in the large conference room at Roosevelt. All school staff who will be involved in curriculum, scheduling and technology for the PARCC are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP with how many people plan to attend from your school.

Digital Curriculum and Testing Software – On October 9, NWEA will be hosting an event to introduce schools to their Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Please register at this link:

http://www.nwea.org/about-nwea/news-and-events/state-ohio-map-101-newark?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRolvKjIZKXonjHpfsX67u8rW6WxiMI%2F0ER3fOvrPUfGjI4DRMpgl%2BSLDwEYGJlv6SgFQ7fDMaI507gLUhU%3D

LAN Switch Maintenance – Justin Post will be getting with each of you to finalize what Cisco equipment you would like to add to our group Smartnet contract for FY14.

New Business

Cherwell Helpdesk – The ITCs are switching from CA Unicenter Helpdesk to Cherwell helpdesk. LACA just wanted to make everyone aware. The LACA network team has been using Spiceworks helpdesk internally, but will most likely transition to Cherwell. We plan to retain the ability to simply email network@laca.org to create a ticket, so hopefully this will not impact end users much at all.

Acceptable Use Policy - It is time for the annual reacceptance of the LACA AUP by all users. We will begin sending notices that this needs to be completed by November 1, 2013. After November 1, 2013, accounts will be disabled. This was acceptable to the group.

- 14-3 *Election of Officers* – It was moved by Tim Owen and seconded by Kevin Snyder to open the floor for nomination for LACATech Chairperson. Kevin Snyder nominated Tim Owen. Tim Owen nominated Chris Irvin. It was moved by Kevin Snyder and seconded by Jack Kruse to close the floor for nominations. It was moved by Larry Smith and seconded by Jack Kruse to elect Chris Irvin as LACATech Chairperson. A unanimous vote of approval was taken.
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- 14-6 It was moved by Jeff Cameron and seconded by Larry Smith to open the floor for nomination for LACATech Vice-Chairperson. Jeff Cameron nominated himself. No further nominations were made. It was moved by Jack Kruse and seconded by Kevin Snyder to close the floor for nominations. It was moved by Tim Owen and seconded by Larry Smith to elect Jeff Cameron as LACATech Vice-Chairperson. A unanimous vote of approval was taken.
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- 14-9 It was moved by Larry Smith and seconded by Jeff Cameron to open the floor for nominations for LACATech Governing Board Representative. Larry Smith nominated Kevin Snyder. No further nominations were made. It was moved by Jack Kruse and seconded by Jeff Cameron to close the floor for nominations. It was moved by Larry Smith and seconded by Jeff Cameron to elect Kevin Snyder as LACATech Governing Board Representative.
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FY14 LACATech Schedule - Below are the scheduled dates for the upcoming FY14 LACATech meetings.

Regular Meeting Dates

- November 6, 2013
- January 8, 2014
- March 5, 2014
- May 7, 2014

Topic-Based Meetings

- October 2, 2013
- December 4, 2013
- February 5, 2014
- April 2, 2014
- June 4, 2014

October 2nd Topic-Based meeting will be used to conduct an iBoss training for the upcoming switch to that product. Further information about that meeting will be sent out once it is finalized.

- 14-12 It was moved by Larry Smith and seconded by Jeff Cameron to adjourn the meeting at 10:15am.

Reported by Chad Carson, Director of Technology, LACA