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Licking Area Computer Association

Minutes of the the meeting of the Technology Advisory Committee held June 3, 1998, at 8:30 a.m.

The following members answered present to the roll call: Debbie Palm representing Lakewood, Brian Edwards representing Newark, Mary Blankestyn representing North Fork, Ray Hetterscheidt representing Northridge, Theresa Kucsma representing Southwest Licking, Dave Calloway representing LCEESC, Jesse Lyon representing the JVS, and Sandra Mercer representing LACA. Nelson McCray representing the Governing Board and Trish Baker were also present for the meeting. Tom Larkin representing Maysville arrived at 9:00 a.m. Representatives from Granville, Heath, Johnstown, Licking Heights, West Muskingum and the Fiscal Advisory Committee were not able to attend.

98-011 It was moved by Theresa Kucsma and seconded by Dave Calloway to approve the minutes of the January 7, 1998, meeting. A vote of approval was taken.

The Governing Board update included LACA's move planned for Sept., plans to lease and install a new Alpha system at the new site location, an E-Rate update, the distribution of a list of phone lines that would be installed over the summer, need for districts to notify LACA by Friday, June 5, 1998, if they want any equipment ordered now that was part of LACA's E-Rate application, and the distribution of information on LACA's Tech Support contracts.

Sandra Mercer presented a recap of the Library/Media meetings held in March and May. Items presented included web page development, Netscape mail, LSTA grant recipients (North Fork's Newton and Utica Elementaries and Johnstown High School), and proposed costs for INFOhio for next year that will require Governing Board approval. A discussion on virus protection software took place. LACA will look into site licensing and report at the next LACATECH meeting.

Internet/network issues included the need for each district to send to LACA a copy of the district's Internet Acceptable Use policy and resolution reflecting the district Board's approval, the discussion that the JVS is using N2H2 and Northridge is using Net Partner's Web Sense to filter Internet access, the distribution of a draft Web server policy, the discussion of LACA's PIX and implementation of 10.x.x.x networks, the DNS change made by MEC and for districts to use 156.63.145.6 (LACA.ORG) as primary DNS and 198.234.34.82 (NS4.ESU.K12.OH.US) as secondary DNS, announcement that LACA's domain name will change to laca.org and steps needed for a smooth transition, and distribution of a survey for districts interested in new technologies to pass voice, video and data over existing T1 circuits. LACA will put together a notice of the domain name change for all users and present at the next meeting. The changeover date from laca.ohio.gov to laca.org will be discussed at the next LACATECH meeting in August. A change to the web server policy was presented and included the addition of district notification if content is removed by LACA's webmaster. The final policy will be presented at the next meeting for committee approval. Brian Edwards distributed a draft Student Acceptable Use Policy for Newark City Schools. A detailed discussion followed.

Dave Calloway presented an overview of the Technology Innovation Challenge Grant written and submitted for Licking County. A copy of the proposal was distributed.

SchoolNet updates included notice of summer workshops, video grants

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available to schools, and the dates for Continuous Improvement Plan workshops to be held in the fall. The county office is holding a Video/Sound Editing session on June 9, at 10:00 a.m. and all LACATECH reps were invited to attend.

Other items included discussion of AOL@school and vendor information on anchor pads, SchoolNet PC's, and computer display equipment. Sandra Mercer distributed price quotes for PC's including setup and shipping from the MCOECN VAR. Districts interested in purchasing PC's are to contact LACA as soon as possible. It was agreed upon by all to invite the Bartha Visual representative to the next LACATECH meeting for a brief presentation on computer display equipment.

Unfinished business included a discussion on the expiration of student accounts. LACA will set all student accounts to expire on June 15, 1998 and send a listing of all student accounts to the LACATECH reps. Discussion and need of student accounts will continue at the next LACATECH meeting in August.

New business included the agreement to hold the next LACATECH meeting on August 5, 1998, at 8:30 a.m.

98-012 It was moved by Tom Larkin and seconded by Ray Hetterscheidt to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Reported by,

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