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Licking Area Computer Association

Minutes of the meeting of the Technology Advisory Committee held February 3, 1999, at 8:30 a.m.

The following members answered present to the roll call: Granville represented by Rich Allen, Heath represented by Michele Berry, the JVS represented by Bonnie Stough, Lakewood represented by Beth Spieth, Licking Heights represented by Bruce Revennaugh, Maysville represented by Tom Larkin, Newark represented by Wally Spence and Eileen McNally, Northridge represented by Ray Hetterscheidt, Vicki Clark representing West Muskingum, Nelson McCray representing the Governing Board, Brett Griffith representing the Fiscal Advisory Committee and Sandra Mercer representing LACA. Carol VanDeest from Johnstown arrived at 8:30 a.m., Theresa Kucsma from Southwest Licking arrived at 8:40 a.m., and Jesse Lyon from the JVS and Larry Smith from North Fork arrived at 9:20 a.m. Dave Calloway from the LCESC was not able to attend. Barry Haley from Licking Valley, Sandy Paxton from the SchoolNet office, and Scott Tate, Chad Carson, Trish Baker, Joey Alexander, and Bobbie Warthman from LACA were also present for the meeting.

- 99-014 It was moved by Eileen McNally and seconded by Tom Larkin to approve the minutes of the January 6, 1999, meeting. A vote of approval was taken.

Scott Tate presented an update on Y2K software for computer workstations. LACA is currently testing software from Elron and Walker, Richer, and Quinn (Reflection). The cost of Reflection's version is \$19 per user license for education and requires no mass purchase. Districts interested in purchasing the software through LACA, are to send purchase orders by Feb. 12, 1999. It was recommended that schools verify Y2k compliance (BIOS, application, and files) on all administrative/instructional workstations with critical applications and a sample of all other instructional workstations. Sandra Mercer stated that all DASites in the state will be holding Y2k seminars. LACA hopes to hold the meeting in March for the districts and will include the distribution of a Y2k survival kit. Districts were also encouraged to join in on SchoolNet's audio conferences on Y2k. The next one is being held on Feb. 9. Sandy Paxton offered to make copies of the Y2K audio conferences for each district and send them to LACA to include in the Y2k packets. Discussion followed on "due diligence", district liabilities, contingency plans, LACA's administrative software, and "tentative" plans to test the Y2k rollover.

Discussion followed on issues and software/hardware relating to Internet content filtering. A recent article in the Newark Advocate was shared. Joey Alexander presented information on WebSENSE and SessonWall (that also included Virus protection software). Chad Carson presented information on Bess N2H2. LACA will set up a demo of each product and get pricing for one district vs. DASite pricing vs. one network with multiple servers.

Eric Fritz from Bartha Visual presented video display products, equipment and services.

The INFOhio updates were presented by Trish Baker and included upcoming Librarian/Media specialist training dates, information on the state's electronic resource preview, the distribution of a brochure (NetWellness) on free web site of resources, and information on upcoming LSTA grants. Jesse Lyon and Sandy Mercer will coordinate a group discussion on ideas and interest in applying.

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Sandra Mercer presented a legislative update on Senator Cupp's Task Force on Technology for Ohio Schools. Proposed items include a study of Ohio's service providers, the development of a statewide strategic plan for technology for Ohio schools, funding for a T-1 to every building in the state, and computers for grades 5-8 along with local funding for technical support. Districts were encouraged to attend the next task force committee meeting, at the state house on Feb. 18, 1999, at 10:00 a.m.

The E-Rate update included the distribution of a "DRAFT" proposal for network growth, the distribution of spreadsheets and need for updates from the schools to complete LACA's 470 applications, and a discussion on SchoolNet's IVDL pilot grant and network proposals for integrating video/voice. Detailed discussions followed. Sandra Mercer also distributed a fact sheet on eligibility of district offices, and asked the LACATech reps to have the 470 certification authorization signed by the Superintendent and returned to LACA by Feb 5.

Unfinished business included the announcement that LACA is still waiting on pricing for virus protection software from Manifold for Intel's LanDesk and McAfee. They are looking into possibilities of grouping the proposal with Newark and Maysville's recent purchases.

New business included district interest in the Cisco Academy program for High School students, the distribution of a software product through FaTrack for simulating win95 on 286 computers, information on FaTrack's Partnership Plus program for software titles at \$20 and under, and a managed instruction product called ClassWorks from FaTrack. Sandy Mercer will schedule a trip to Sunbury to preview the ClassWorks program with a group of Tech Coordinators and Superintendents. Eileen McNally commented that Newark is working with Reynoldsburg on the development of a managed instruction program. She offered to bring additional information on the development to the group. Information on Bid Request Central and Computers for Education Program for Ohio was presented. No interest was received on the two programs.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 1999. It was requested that all future presentations be scheduled at the start of the LACATech meetings. Ideas for additional presentations for upcoming meeting should be posted to the LACATECH listserv.

99-015 It was moved by Jesse Lyon and seconded by Rich Allen to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

A workshop on posting E-Rate 470 applications followed the meeting.

Reported by,

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