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LICKING AREA COMPUTER ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting of the Technology Advisory Committee held December 1, 1999 convening at 8:30 A.M.

The following members answered present to the roll call: Lakewood represented by Beth Spieth, Licking Heights represented by Bruce Revenaugh, Newark represented by Mindy Vaughn and Wally Spence, Northridge represented by Ray Hetterscheidt and Lisa Smith, Southwest Licking represented by Theresa Kucsma, Tri-Valley represented by Ray McFerren, Johnstown represented by Tony Mangette, North Fork represented by Larry Smith, West Muskingum represented by Ray Dunlap, and Sandra Mercer representing LACA. Tom Larkin from Maysville arrived at 8:38 a.m., Michelle Berry from Heath arrived at 8:50 a.m..

The following representative were unable to attend: Rich Allen and Chuck Dilbone from Granville, Dave Calloway from LCESE, Jesse Lyon from Licking County JVS, Nelson McCray representing the Governing Board, and Brett Griffith the fiscal representative.

Barry Haley from Licking Valley, Doug Swingle from Blessed Sacrament/PAR Excellence, Dick Riley from Welsh Hills, Jill Merry from Saint Frances, Ken McKinley from Newark Catholic, Chad Carson, Joey Alexander, and Bobbie Warthman from LACA were also present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

00-006 It was moved by Beth Spieth and seconded by Theresa Kucsma to approve the minutes of the September 1, 1999 meeting. A vote of approval was taken.

Sophos Anti-Virus Software

LACA received notification of available discounted pricing on Sophos Anti-Virus Software which scans incoming email for viruses and also provides local server virus protection solutions. Sandy inquired if this was something that the committee was interested in LACA pursuing. There was no interest.

Filtering

N2H2

Sandy reported to members the MCOECN had negotiated with N2H2 the option of free licensing for K-12 schools. Districts wishing to take advantage of this option would still need to purchase any necessary hardware. Sandy asked if anyone was interested. There was no interest.

WEBSense

Sandy received complaints from a couple different Districts concerning the categories of Games and Racism being blocked through the WEBSense filter. Teachers were having trouble getting to educational sites used for research and class activities. The committee was asked if they felt a recommendation should be made to un-block these categories. The majority of members felt the response from WEBSense to un-block these sites when requested was adequate enough to not recommend to fully un-block the categories.

LACA Network Priorities 2000-2001

00-007 Sandy distributed a packet of materials which included the LACA Network Priorities, a revised Organizational Chart, ONenet scenarios, and a copy of the form the Superintendent's should have received concerning the flowing of the ONenet monies. Representatives were asked to review the packet. Districts will need to make a decision prior to the January 19th E-Rate filing deadline if they wish ODE to flow the ONenet monies directly to the DASite or to have them flow directly to the District. If the District's decision is to flow the monies directly to them, they will then be responsible for E-Rate filing for all network hardware, circuits, etc. Tom Larkin made a motion to do a vote concerning the flow issue so LACA could get an idea of how their priorities need to be addressed. Theresa Kucsma seconded. Votes by roll call were: Granville-not present, Heath-Flow, Johnstown-Flow, JVS-not present, Lakewood-Flow, Licking Heights-No, Maysville-Flow, Newark-Flow, North Fork-No, Northridge-Flow, Southwest-Flow, Tri-Valley-Flow, West Muskingum-Flow, Licking Valley-No, Blessed Sacrament/PAR Excellence-No, Saint Frances-Flow, Newark Catholic-Flow, Welsh Hills-Flow.

OSU/COTC Grant Approval

Sandy announced LACA, in partnership with OSU/COTC, were successful in obtaining a grant. The focus of the grant is to enhance distance learning technologies in K-12 Education. LACA's intent is to pilot video and voice over IP in 14 buildings under this project.

E-Rate

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The E-Rate filing deadline for filing 470's for the 2000-2001 window is January 19th. At this point it is undetermined what all LACA will be filing for due to the ONenet money flow issue. A meeting will be scheduled in early January to discuss the filing status or both LACA and the individual districts.

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Router and switch upgrades will continue to take place over the next couple of months. Any district still using Xyplex gear will be upgraded to CISCO router gear. Any districts who had a switch upgrade coming needs to get the purchase orders to Sandy.

INFOhio Update

Districts were asked to encourage their teachers to use the available FREE Electronic Resources. Any districts wanting teacher training on the use of the resources, or staff meeting presentations were asked to contact Trish or Bobbie at LACA.

Efforts are being made to include Newark Public as a search strategy in WEB2, meaning as a student is searching their building library card catalog, they can simultaneously be search Newark Public Library also. A link will also be made available to Newark Public's JAVA WebPAC which will allow users the ability to place holds, renew books, etc..

LACA was pleased to announce the addition of Maysville and Tri-Valley to the library automation services available through LACA.

New Business

Tom Larkin discussed with the committee the possibility of scheduling a roundtable meeting where tech coordinators could get together to discuss internal security issues and to share strategies of trying to prevent security outbreaks in the buildings. Everyone felt that this was a good idea and would be willing to participate. Tom stated he would work to get something set up.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 1999, at 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment

00-008 Beth Spieth moved the meeting be adjourned, Theresa Kucsma seconded.