



LACATech Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2014

Roll Call

The LACATech meeting was called to order at 8:45am on January 6, 2014. The following members were present for the roll call: Joe Winnenberg (Crooksville), Rocky Ringhiser (C-TEC), Randy McFerren (East Muskingum), Rob Sexton (Granville), Michele Berry (Heath), Mark McGee (Lancaster), Eric Smith (Maysville), Chip Zolman (Mount Vernon), Angie McCutcheon (Newark City), Larry Smith (North Fork), Jack Kruse (Northridge), Jeff Cameron (Southwest Licking), Ted Harrison (West Muskingum), and Jon Bowers (LACA). Chris Irvin (Tri Valley) arrived at 8:55am. Representatives from Lakewood, Licking Heights, and LCESC were unable to attend.

Others attending were David Dewese (Fairfield Christian Academy), David Deibel (Granville Christian), Russ Nelson (Newark Catholic), Kevin Steel (Lancaster), Todd Doyle (Mount Vernon), Mike Carter (Johnstown), Theresa Bryant (C-TEC), Joey Alexander (LACA), Robert Rittenhouse (LACA), Justin Post (LACA), and Chad Carson (LACA).

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

14-19 It was moved by Larry Smith and seconded by Chip Zolman to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2014 LACATech meeting. A unanimous vote of approval was taken.

Welcome New Members

New members Mike Carter (Johnstown), Theresa Bryant (C-TEC), Russ Nelson (Newark Catholic), and David Dewese (Fairfield Christian) were introduced to the group.

ITSCO Update

David Hayward provided an ITSCO update. Please direct any questions about the ITSCO update to David at david@itsco.org or visit the ITSCO website at <http://www.itsco.org/>. ITIP Ohio Conference with concentration on Google Apps will be May 12 and 13 at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio.

ITSCO, LACA, and ECOESC are teaming up to house a technology conference in the Roosevelt facility on June 16 and 17, 2014. Please mark the dates. If you want to present, please submit proposals by April 15, 2014. Presenters attend the conference for free. If you have ideas for content please email to jbowers@laca.org.

Ohio K-12 Network Updates

Second half of funding should flow within the next two weeks. LACA will be sending non-pubs their checks within the next two weeks as well. The K12 Network Subsidy should be the same dollar amount next year as well. The Governor's office has taken on a project to get higher bandwidth to underserved districts (anyone with 10mb or lower). This may not affect LACA schools as we are mostly at 10mb or higher for most schools. The FCC is pushing a project (outside of eRate) to get wireless connectivity in all schools, and is focusing on Ohio because of the strong infrastructure and existing deployment of wireless that is already in place. K12 network is also working on getting a 10gb connection to each ITC. Horizon has been chosen as the vendor to provide this 10gb link to LACA. We do not have a timeline on the

implementation of this new circuit. LACA is currently working on installing a 2nd 1gb link from Windstream, as we are bumping against the limit of our existing 1gb circuit. We are also adding a month-to-month 500mb circuit from Time Warner to allow us to go above our current 1gb. This paperwork has been submitted, but this is not yet implemented.

WAN Updates

Make sure you are following the timelines for approving contracts from LACA by your school boards by the March 26 deadline. There have been many warnings going out about a website claiming to help you create your item 21, but this site is not really affiliated with eRate. Jon will send information about this to the group.

Video Services

LACA is helping to purchase and install some video endpoints through Straight A grants. LACA has been in talks with the BEMC (formerly eTech) about the future direction of video bridging support. Some of the Straight A grants have the potential to all LACA to get our own bridge, which we are pushing for. Jon Bowers distributed a course listing for the upcoming school year. Let us know if you have needs for classes that are not on that list. Also, if you have instructors that are willing to teach over video, let us know that as well and we will help facilitate those classes. Email mcarlisle@laca.org regarding adding classes or using your instructors.

Technical Services Update

Windows XP End of Life/End of Support – As everyone knows, Microsoft will end-of-support Windows XP this year. The official end date is April 8, 2014. Many of the INFOhio resources are now no longer supporting IE8, which is the highest Internet Explorer version that can run on Windows XP. You can get Chrome and Firefox for XP that will work with INFOhio resources. It was requested that Chad Carson send to the group a list from INFOhio of the items that are not supported on IE8. Chad will see if such a list exists and send to the group if it does.

Old Business

PARCC Assessments – An extensive roundtable discussion regarding PARCC and ODE AIR testing took place at this meeting. It appears most districts are setting up the Pearson Proctor Cache servers, and this is very easy to do. Pearson has downloadable installers for Windows and Mac. It is recommended that these Proctor Caching servers be installed on the same subnet and in the same building as the computers used for the testing. The machine running this can be a repurposed desktop computer. It does not have to be installed on an extremely powerful server.

Districts were encouraged to send to LACA a schedule of when the testing will be taking place.

New Business

Technology Assessments – LACA does not have the resources to do these, but LACA will be partnering with the ITC in Wooster, TCCSA, to offer district technology assessments. They already have the infrastructure in place to do this, so we will be using them if any LACA member districts are interested in having an assessment done.

FY14 LACATech Schedule - Below are the scheduled dates for the upcoming FY14 LACATech meetings.

Regular Meeting Dates

- May 7, 2014

Topic-Based Meetings

- April 2, 2014 - This session will be a demo of Avast Anti-virus

- June 4, 2014

14-20 It was moved by Larry Smith and seconded by Angie McCutcheon to adjourn the meeting at 10:10am.

Reported by Chad Carson, Director of Technology, LACA