



LACATech Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2014

Roll Call

The LACATech meeting was called to order at 8:35am on September 10, 2014. The following members were present for the roll call : Joe Winnenberg (Crooksville), Randy McFerren (East Muskingum), Michele Berry (Heath), Kevin Adams (Johnstown), Kevin Snyder(Lancaster), Keith DeVore (LCESC), Amy Norman (Newark City), Larry Smith (North Fork), Chris Irvin (Tri-Valley), and Jon Bowers (LACA).

Ted Harrison (West Muskingum) arrived at 8:41am, and Jack Kruse (Northridge) arrived at 9:02am.

Others attending the meeting were Kim Watson(North Fork), David Deibel (Granville Christian Academy), Dave Stenson (St. Francis), Jeremy Wise (Foxfire), Timothy Ballard (Newark Digital Academy), Joey Alexander (LACA), Robert Rittenhouse (LACA), Justin Post (LACA), David Stein (LACA), and Chad Carson (LACA).

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

There were not enough members present to have a quorum at the previous meeting. There were no official minutes from the meeting to approve.

Welcome New Members

Kevin Adams from Johnstown and Timothy Ballard from Newark Digital were introduced to the group. Other new members were not present and will be introduced at a later meeting.

ITSCO Update

David Hayward has accepted a job elsewhere and will no longer represent ITCSO at our meetings. Amy Palermo provided an ITSCO update. Please direct any questions about the ITSCO update to Amy at amy@itsco.org or visit the ITSCO website at <http://www.itsco.org/>.

Ohio K-12 Network Updates

K-12 Network Subsidy - The \$1,800 subsidy per instructional building will remain the same for this year. The superintendent, treasurer and technology coordinator for each district will receive a message from ODE regarding the procedure. We will continue to use the Cherwell interface for this year; you should see some refinement of the process.

WAN Updates

10 GB Connection - The state is working on procuring the hardware necessary to light our path. The hardware will support 4 – 10 gb connections, so we believe it will serve up our medium term needs. Being that it is dark fiber, only the electronics need to be upgraded to move to 100 gb and beyond.

Time Warner Links – LACA is working to move all circuits between districts and LACA that are currently on ELAN service over to point-to-point (ELINE) circuits. Point to point circuits have historically been more stable than ELAN. LACA originally moved customers to ELAN as a cost savings, but now that prices are the same, we are moving back to ELINE to prevent multi-district outages caused by a single customer on the ELAN. As we are doing this, if any districts receive

Time Warner invoices for these circuits, please forward them to Jon Bowers at LACA. Districts should not be directly invoiced by Time Warner.

Video Services

LACA is currently running 60 classes per day (Mandarin Chinese, other foreign languages, etc). The BEMC is doubling their bridging capacity, and are about halfway completed with this process. If you are receiving video services from LACA, we can record and stream professional development. We can use this technology for other purposes (Newark HS uses it for morning announcements, for example). Contact Dave Stein for assistance with streaming/recording with your Polycom unit. LACA is pursuing a RUS grant which will provide us with our own video conferencing bridge. We should know the decision by October 31, 2014. The LACA Video Lead meeting will be held at LACA on September 11, 2014 from 9:00am-11:00am.

Technical Services Update

Avast Antivirus Update Discussion – Discussion took place regarding Avast vs. ESET. LACA has ESET available through July 2015, but before then, we need to make a decision if we will renew ESET or abandon ESET in favor of Avast. Three years of ESET costs the consortium around \$100K. The decision is : is ESET that much better than Avast to warrant spending 100K to keep using it, or is Avast filling the needs for free. Currently Crooksville, St. Francis, and Mount Vernon are all using Avast 100% at their districts. It was decided that LACA will have an Avast knowledge sharing meeting at the October 1 Topic Based meeting, and the group will make a decision at a later LACATech meeting based on the results of this training/presentation. No one present was adamantly opposed to switching away from ESET to Avast.

Email Archiving – LACA purchased and implemented Barracuda Message Archiver over the summer. All districts that were archiving on Nearpoint are now archiving on the Barracuda. Chad is still working on setting up access for auditors that need to search an entire district's email for records requests or legal issues, using the existing access in Nearpoint as the baseline. With the Barracuda, we can also archive Gmail, Office365, and other locally-managed Exchange servers for all of our customer districts. Kevin Snyder asked about the possibility of archiving student accounts. Chad and Jon will discuss.

Off-Site Backups – LACA has switched the Off-site Backup service to a new pricing structure:

- \$9/gb year up to 222gb
- \$2000/year up to 1tb

This new pricing structure will help lower costs to everyone, especially those districts backing up over 222gb of data to LACA. If you go above 222GB, then you switch to a per TB price. So the cost remains the same whether you back up 223GB up to 1TB. You can install the Tivoli client on as many servers as you need to.

Progress Book Requirements – Progress Book support officially supports only IE 9 or 10, Firefox 30 or later, Chrome 35 or later. IE 8 and IE 11 are not officially supported. Please keep this in mind when deploying Internet Explorer, or if you have older Windows XP workstations that can only go up to IE 8. Putting Firefox on Windows XP is an option for those older workstations.

SAN Migration – LACA recently purchased a Nimble Storage SAN and is migrating applications to this new SAN. This is non-impacting to end users. If anyone is interested in seeing the Nimble Storage SAN interface and functionality, just let a member of LACA's network staff know and we can arrange a demo.

Stromasys Virtual OpenVMS Project – LACA is currently testing OpenVMS virtualization software by Stromasys. This would allow us to virtualize our legacy OpenVMS system (the one that runs payroll and accounting that users access with Reflection). Two other ITCs are currently in production on this software, with LACA and four others in a testing phase. We will keep you and your board office staff informed, as a switch to this will likely require a 24 hour outage of OpenVMS to complete.

eTranscript Project Update - If your district is interested in participating, please let Jon Bowers know. Participation requires that your EMIS coordinator (usually) do a data extract out of DASL, then submit it through the data collector. Students then register through the eTranscript website and the district verifies their account. From there, a transcript can be requested to be sent to over 3,000 universities nationwide. Students can also request paper copies.

Software Answers Demo – On September 24, at 9:00am at LACA, we will be hosting presentations of Software Answer's three DASL add-ons: Virtual Classroom (an LMS that is integrated into DASL/PB), DataMap (a student progress monitoring tool into which testing scores can be loaded), and Registration Gateway (a web-based portal to be used for student registration). Invitations are being sent to school administrators – all are welcome to attend.

Chrome v37 and OWA – Chrome v37 has eliminated an API function call named showModalDialog that OWA depends upon to open the TO, CC, BCC, and Address Book functions when composing a new message. There are registry-editing workarounds that can be found on Google to bypass this problem, but plans are to eliminate these temporary workarounds as well in Chrome on April 30, 2015. Unless Microsoft releases a patch for OWA that would fix this issue, most likely users will not be able to use Chrome for OWA after this date. If such a patch is released, we will install it to fix the issue.

INFOhio Updates – Trish Baker provided a demo of INFOhio Technology Literacy tools, and Tech Skills for Online Testing, available at <http://www.scoop.it/t/internet-safety-resources-for-educators> and http://www.pearltrees.com/brandi_young/infohio-skills-online-testing/id12112629

Old Business

PARCC Assessments – Schools are being asked to make sure that plans are in place for on-line assessments. If caching is going to be used, it should be thoroughly tested. Jon Bowers will be contacting each district to confirm that plans are in place.

New Business

Annual AUP Reacceptance – Chad will be turning on emails reminding staff about re-accepting the LACA AUP, which has been an annual occurrence for many years. If districts have their own local AUP updates, please send them to Chad Carson as soon as possible to be added into the AUP website. Accounts that have not accepted the AUP by November 1, 2014 will be disabled. You can re-enable accounts through LAMA if this happens.

- 15-01 *Election of Officers* – Kevin Snyder moved and Larry Smith seconded opening the floor for nominations for LACATech Chairperson. Kevin Snyder nominated Chris Irvin. No further
- 15-02 nominations were given. Jack Kruse moved and Larry Smith seconded that the floor be closed for nominations. Chris Irvin was elected chairperson by a unanimous vote of approval.
- 15-03 Kevin Snyder moved and Larry Smith seconded opening the floor for nominations for LACATech Vice-Chairperson. Kevin Snyder nominated Michele Berry. No further nominations were given.
- 15-04 Jack Kruse moved and Chris Irvin seconded the floor be closed for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Michele Berry was elected Vice-Chairperson by a unanimous vote of approval.
- 15-05 Kevin Snyder moved and Chris Irvin seconded opening the floor for nominations for LACATech Governing Board Representative. Kevin Snyder nominated Tim Owen. No further nominations
- 15-06 were made. Kevin Snyder moved and Larry Smith seconded closing the floor for nominations for LACATech Governing Board Representative. Tim Owen was elected by a unanimous vote of approval.

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

Regular Meeting Dates

- November 5, 2014
- January 14, 2015
- March 4, 2015
- May 6, 2015

Topic-Based Meetings

- October 1, 2014 - This session will be an information sharing session regarding Avast Anti-virus, and how this deployment is currently working in districts that are live on the software.
- December 3, 2014

- February 4, 2015
- April 1, 2015
- June 3, 2015

15-07 It was moved by Chris Irvin and seconded by Keith Devore to adjourn the meeting at 10:00am.

Reported by Chad Carson, Director of Technology, LACA