



LACATech Minutes – November 2, 2016

The meeting took place starting at 8:30am. The following members were present for roll call: Randy McFerren (East Muskingum), Glenn Welker (Granville), Michele Berry (Heath), Justin Post (Lakewood), Amy Norman (Newark), Jack Kruse (Northridge), Larry Smith (North Fork), Chris Irvin (Tri-Valley), Ted Harrison (West Muskingum), and Jon Bowers (LACA). Kevin Adams (Johnstown) arrived at 8:45am. Others attending the meeting were Dave Dewese (Fairfield Christian), David Deibel (Granville Christian Academy), Timothy Ballard (Newark Digital), Kim Watson (North Fork), Joey Alexander (LACA), Jon Stoehr (LACA), Robert Rittenhouse (LACA), Dave Stein (LACA), Charles Gillogly (LACA), and Chad Carson (LACA).

- 17-01 It was moved by Jack Kruse and seconded by Larry Smith to approve the minutes of the May 4th, 2016 LACATech meeting. A unanimous vote of approval was taken.

Introduction of New Employees

Melissa Elliott was introduced to the group. Her title is Instructional Resource Coordinator and she supports INFOhio's Library Automation and Instructional Resources.

INFOhio Updates

Trish Baker showed the location of [free](#) webinars for Google Tools for teachers that are available on the www.infohio.org website under the "Educators" button, then "Webinars", then "Recordings". All the materials that were available during the original training are available under the "More Info" button. Also, free PD for teachers can be found at <http://success.infohio.org> (Success in Six). These are individual modules that teachers can do at their own pace. Answering a short quiz at the end will give a Certificate of Attendance for CEUs.

Student Services Update

Beth Petty and Meghan Stoker showed a demonstration of Virtual Classroom and the Student Information (DASL) Mobile App to the group. The mobile app is available from the Apple iTunes and Google Play stores as "ProgressBook SIS Admin". Capture Education will be coming in on Friday November 11th to do a demo for LACA schools on Schedule Smart, their master schedule builder software. They are a local company out of Sunbury, Ohio. Also, if you are looking for an online registration product for students at the beginning of the year, LACA has more and more schools using Registration Gateway. Contact LACA if you are interested in learning more about Registration Gateway.

ITSCO Update

Amy Palermo provided an ITSCO update. There will be an ITSCO sponsored Technology Director's Conference on December 14, 2016, at 1900 East Dublin Granville Road, Columbus. Please visit the www.itsco.org website to register. If you have questions please contact her at amy@itsco.org.



WAN Updates

K-12 Network – All K12 Network Funding applications were completed on time, so everyone should be receiving their funds.

ISP Contracts – LACA strongly encourages attendance at Lorrie Germman's 470 workshops. This year the workshops will be an all-day event, as there is lots of information to be presented. Be sure to retain all documentation related to eRate indefinitely. There is a very long retention requirement on these documents (10 years), so be sure you can locate and keep all information for your district, even the documents that pre-date your responsibility for them.

Technical Services Updates

Technical Training – We have an iBoss Reporter class created, that we just need to schedule a date to hold. Chad Carson will send a Doodle.com meeting invitation to help choose the BEST date in November that most of you can attend. There will be a TEC (The Education Connection) all-day training on December 7th, 2016, at LACA. If your district uses TEC, this training will show you more of what you can do with the software. If you are interested in learning more about TEC, you are also welcome to attend. LACA is also working on a PRTG class to be held on February 1, 2017.

iBoss Filtering – The iBoss boxes need timely firmware updates to be sure bugs are fixed quickly. It is challenging to work around testing schedules to do these updates. LACA discussed the need to do these updates on Thursday's during our maintenance window each week. New iBoss patches and versions come out about every 3 weeks. LACA will send advanced notice to everyone if we will be doing an update. LACA reviewed a product called Securly that is a cloud-based Internet filter, developed and marketed exclusively to K-12 education. Pricing can be done on Staff/Student count, or Device count, but the Staff/Student count usually works out cheaper. There can be different policies for devices at school vs. at home. It does require a Google Apps Domain to function (but you don't necessarily need to be a google apps for education user...you just need a Domain). There was interest in seeing a demonstration of this solution at the January 9th, 2017 LACATech meeting. LACA will arrange a webinar to take place during the meeting.

New LACA Website – The new LACA rollout has been pushed back to January 1st, 2017. While trying to learn the eSchoolView CMS, we had an open lab with some districts to compare notes. This offer is extended to anyone who wants to come to one of LACA's labs to work on your eSchoolview website with help from LACA. We will send plenty of advanced notice to the users before this change is made. Some discussion took place about the requirements to make school websites accessible to disabled users. Jon Bowers will try to arrange an expert on the topic to speak about ADA Compliance to the group at a future meeting.

Voice over IP – There will be a TEC training at LACA on December 7th, 2016. The morning session will be an overview of TEC and features. After lunch, the 2nd half will be a hands-on training on TEC. LACA is also looking for a 3rd party solution to allow delegation of moves/adds/changes for existing VoIP customers.



Video Services Updates

Polycom has a trade-in promotion allowing 15%-20% off new equipment with a qualifying trade, and practically all legacy gear qualifies, including non-Polycom gear and V-Tel equipment. This is a great opportunity that runs through December 25. Please contact Dave Stein at LACA if you are interested.

New Business

Student Provision Software (SPS-K12.com) is a cloud-based offering to manage your student accounts. This software helps the most when creating new batches of student accounts for a new school year. Chad and Jon watched a demo of the software. There was interest in learning more, so LACA will arrange a demo at a future meeting.

Election of LACATech Officers

- Discussion took place for election of LACATech officers, and after the discussion three members volunteered to fill the positions. Justin Post for Chairperson, Chris Irvin for Vice Chairperson and Ted Harrison for Governing Board Representative. It was moved by Chris Irvin and seconded by Kevin Adams to elect Justin Post as Chairperson. A unanimous vote of approval was taken. It was moved by Randy McFerren and seconded by Jack Kruse to elect Chris Irvin as Vice Chairperson. A unanimous vote of approval was taken. It was moved by Jack Kruse and seconded by Kevin Adams to elect Ted Harrison as Governing Board Representative.
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 - 17-03 Adams to elect Justin Post as Chairperson. A unanimous vote of approval was taken. It was moved by Randy McFerren and seconded by Jack Kruse to elect Chris Irvin as Vice Chairperson. A unanimous vote
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One-to-One Discussion

Various one-to-one signoff documents were shared with the group from districts that provided them. Districts shared their procedures and practices for distribution, maintenance, inventory, and support of their one-to-one devices.

- 17-05 It was moved by Ted Harrison and seconded by Kevin Adams to adjourn the meeting at 10:45am.

NEXT MEETING

The next LACATech Meeting will be MONDAY January 9th, 2017.