

Network Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2011

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Present:

Lisa Smith, ACCESS
Dale Santangelo, ACCESS
John LaPlante, ACCESS
Jason Martin, Columbiana Exempted Village Schools (2012)
Greg Reeves, East Palestine (2013)
Chris Cardelein, Youngstown Community School (2014)
Phil James, Columbiana Career & Technical Center (2014)
Karen Marshall, Instructional Consultant, Technology
Joe Warchol, Columbiana ESC – for Katrina Moore

Absent:

Ron Iarussi, Board Representative
Andrew Velchek, Mahoning County ESC (2012)
Dean Pagnotta, Springfield Local/South Range Local (2013)
Katrina Moore, Instructional Consultant, Technology

Email Archiving

John LaPlante shared with the committee plans to discuss email archiving at the Assembly meeting on November 21, 2011. Attorney John Britton will be addressing what are public record and the legal ramifications of not archiving. Recent events required ACCESS to retrieve several years of email data for a district, pending litigation, bringing to light the need to consider archiving.

ACCESS Virtualization Project

John LaPlante and Dale Santangelo shared information with the committee about the virtualization project ACCESS is pursuing to refresh its hardware infrastructure. ACCESS anticipates that by the spring of 2012, most all of its server applications will have moved to a virtual environment. ACCESS also plans to increase its storage capacity with an updated SAN.

John LaPlante shared that there has been interest expressed for ACCESS to assist districts with server maintenance (configuration, management, etc.) The group shared and discussed differences in how districts maintain their servers and internal network. In time, ACCESS may be positioned to provide virtualized servers and storage services to districts in need.

Fee Increase

A fee increase proposal will be presented to the Assembly to cover costs for IEP Anywhere and ProgressBook as previously planned. The increase will also position ACCESS to be able to implement some upgrades as outlined above.

Educational & Mobile Computing

The group discussed both the advantages and disadvantages of mobile computing. From a security perspective, the group shared their philosophy and best practices with each other. From an educational perspective, discussion ensued relative to making sure all necessary applications are available.

Karen Marshall shared the disadvantage of having sites blocked of educational value, i.e. tools that teachers can use in the classroom that many times they have been trained on by the ESCs or at conferences. Lisa Smith suggested that Karen and Katrina Moore's expertise be utilized via a presentation to share some of the offerings that are available to teachers with the technical staff/administrators, etc. Through collaboration, we may be able to make sure good teaching techniques are available.

Bandwidth Monitoring

Lisa Smith shared a hand-out showing bandwidth usage between districts and the ACCESS loop fiber. A new version of PRTG Network Monitor is being used to track bandwidth throughout the ACCESS network. In time, a link will be shared with each district to allow access to real-time bandwidth statistics on their connection.

Tech Tools

The group was reminded that a Tech Tool workshop still needs to be scheduled. It was suggested by Dale Santangelo that we add it to the end of the next Tech Meeting. We will begin working on scheduling this workshop focusing on the early part of December.

The meeting adjourned.

Lisa Smith