

Technology Leaders Meeting
Friday, April 03, 2009
10:00 – 12:00 pm

Present via DL: Dan Arnold, Ann DeBolt, Tracy Gleghorn, Kyle Deal, Heather Dickey, David Fant, James Dickens, Rob Miller, Kevin Terry, Emily Boswell Holliday, Ronnie Gonzalez, Jeannie Reed, Jay Smith, Jack Dacus, Selwyn Smith, Brian Furbee, Rosa Ojeda, Jesus Lujan, Steve Bodman

Present at ESC: Josh Hymer, Jonathan Purvis, Jeff Herriman, Kirk Spruiell, John Rice, Kent Bowman, Dennis Kirkland, Cindy Lucas, Tracy Simental, Barbara Solow, Kip Robins, Nancy Oliver, Lori Aden, Chris Rodriguez, Kimberly Taylor

Barbara welcomed everyone and did roll call.

Nancy Olive-E-rate

Erate Update

Cathey George at Region 12 has created a new E-rate service to assist districts with their E-rate application process. Services include discount rate analysis and optimization, forms preparation and submission, bid and procurement process review, selective review, site review, and audit and onsite audit evaluation. Contact Cathey George, Director of E-Rate consulting services at Region 12. Her number is 254-297-2991 and email is cgeorge@esc12e-rate.net.

WADA funds Update

We held a vendor pre-bid meeting on March 24th at 10:00 am.

Proposals will be due to the ESC on April 30th and the Advisory Committee will meet on May 11th after the Tech Leader's face-to-face meeting to review the bid tabulations and will assist in award contracts.

Purchase orders will be issued late May to early June. Delivery of equipment will be required after August 1st.

We will be bidding the Wireless Solutions separately and will require the districts' specific wireless requirements. Milano, Sealy, Leon, Lovelady, Somerville, Groveton are the districts that indicated that they want to participate in this bid process. We plan a pre-bid with district contact and vendor on May 1st with the bid being opened on June 10th and a June 12th meeting to award the contracts. Dates for site surveys will be required to allow vendors to schedule with the districts. We have been building the vendor contact list that will receive the proposals for your input but want you to continue to send us information on the vendors that you want to receive the proposals.

- Rosa (Sealy) asked about the warranties on these bid items-The vendors will know who the warranties go to.

- Jack (North Zulch) asked about purchasing more equipment with the original RFP-There will be no more ordering through the service center after the money is gone. Additional purchasing is between the company and the district; it will not be under ESC 6 umbrella.
- Cindy (Splendor) asked about the exact amount of money coming-Getting close on knowing the exact amount, will let everyone know soon.
- Also, the districts will know who won the bids within a week of the bid being awarded.

Barbara Solow-Face-to-Face

- Face-to-face will be held May 11th from 9-3 (session #78562).
- Possible presentations will include;
 - Virtualization
 - Email Archiving
 - CISCO Academy
 - HISD video Streaming Solution
 - Server 2008 Updates
 - Sequel Server
 - Apple
- Please email Barbara Solow of any other suggestions you might have.

Lori Aden-

- The Barbara Bush event on April 22nd is still on go. If you have not been told about this, please contact me and I will send you the information on who registered for it. Below are the districts that I have heard from.
 - a. Anderson-Shiro
 - b. Bellville
 - c. Brenham
 - d. Bryan
 - e. Buffalo
 - f. Cameron
 - g. Kennard
 - h. Madisonville-has contacted me but hasn't registered yet
 - i. Magnolia
 - j. Montgomery
 - k. Normangee
 - l. Sealy
- DL Calendar that Josh requested. I am working on it and trying to come up with a fast efficient way to keep it updated once it is in place. I have a template in place on my website now but I don't have any sessions entered yet.
- Summer workshops online for how to find videoconferences as well as how to use videoconferencing in the classroom. I have 3 sessions this summer. These will be great sessions for your teachers and for the instructional technologists in your districts. They are free for all of our DL members.

- #88374 Week of June 8 – 12
 - #89275 Week of June 29 – July 3
 - #89277 Week of August 10 – 14.
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- Finally, don't forget that I am also here to help your districts find online course options. We have many to choose from now. I have been checking out one with the University of Texas at Austin K-16 Education Center. They have courses for \$165 per student per semester which is a fantastic price.

Barbara Solow-IVC Services

- Kip Robins (ext. 8267) is now part of the Distance Learning team.
- If you need IMMEDIATE help PLEASE CALL 8212!!
- Dorothy Davis (8262) is TETN
- Sarah King (8266) is Distance Learning

Chris Rodriguez-CommNet

- Iml upgrade-web interface is a little different
- Instant Messaging is new. This will be per district per person. Please email Chris (crodriguez@esc6.net) and let him know if you want or don't want the Instant Messaging. Instructions will be coming soon.
- Upgrade for shared calendars will be coming soon.
John (Iola) asked that is districts already had a Instant Messaging system in place if they could try this system. If they didn't like the system could it switched back-Chris said that it could.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm

Next Meeting: May 11, 2009 Face to Face, 9am-3pm, Session 78562