

Technology Leaders Meeting
January 30, 2009
10:00 a.m. DLC

Present on site: Barbara Solow, Nancy Oliver, Robert Wyatt, Kip Robins, Lori Aden, Kent Bowman, Jeff Herriman, John Rice, and Jonathan Purvis, Allen Foster

Present over DL: Dan Arnold, Susan Crawford, Eric Stuessel, Rodney Leer, Tracy Gleghorn, Pam Evans, Ginger Jenke, Jeff Herriman, Kirk Spruiell, David Fant, John Rice, Lena Kelsey, David DeBrock, James Dickens, Kent Bowman, Rob Miller, Kevin Terry, Emily Boswell Holliday, Ronnie Gonzalez, Carol Woehler, Jeannie Reed, Jack Dacus, Rhonda Scholwinski, Rosa Ojeda, Tommy Hues, Scott Keltner, Brian Furbee, Chris at Normangee, Sandra Bailey and John Vinson.

Barbara Solow welcomed everyone.

Nancy Oliver- E-Rate update and WADA update
E-Rate Update –

Current 2008-09 funding –

- File Form 486 as soon as you receive your funding commitments from USAC – you have 120 days from the date of the funding letter or from start of service whichever is later to file 486
- Vendors should contact you when they receive notice from USAC that you have filed the 486. If they don't contact you, then contact them to select your discount method – to find contact info on vendors use the Search Tool and then the SPIN Contact Search on the USAC website – www.universalservice.org/sl/

2009-10 applications

- February 12th at 11:59 pm is the deadline to file your 2009-10 Form 471 application. You must have a signed contract if the service is not month to month before submitting 471. In the ESC system the contract are now available in our e-contract system.

WADA Funds Update –

The WADA Advisory Committee met on January 12th. The members are-

Kent Bowman – Lovelady
Eric Stuessel – Brazos
Rob Miller – Magnolia
Pam Evans – Caldwell
Rod Leer – Brenham
Rhonda Scholwinski – Onalaska

Kevin Terry – Milano

Barbara Solow – Robert Wyatt – Nancy Oliver

We have been taking input from districts in the past six weeks. The committee has narrowed the list of items to be included in the RFPs to the following: Desktop PCs, DL Equipment, Document cameras, Laptop computers, Carts for laptops, Netbook computers and carts, MacBooks and carts, iMacs, projectors, projectors install, servers, switches, interactive boards, classroom response systems and wireless access points. We are looking at multiple awards for some the items and requesting multiple year maintenance costs. The Advisory committee will be reviewing the specifications of the RFPs before it is sent out. Our timeline for the process is to have RFP ready and issued early March. We are looking to have a vendor pre-bid meeting. We want to open the RFP by May 1st and have tabulations for Advisory committee ready to review by mid-May. Award of the RFPs should occur early June with purchase orders issue immediately after with delivery to happen in mid-August.

Lori Aden-DL Specialist

- IVC list serve-if you are not getting email please contact Lori at laden@esc6.net or may call her at 936-435-8263.
- Not for sure if the Barbara Bush event is going to happen. We are trying to get her but at this time is unsure if she will be available.
- New URL for the DL sight. **DL.esc6.net.**
- Dr. Seuss will be held on March 2 and 3.
- DL conference is being held April 6-9 in Corpus Christi-link on the website to TxDLA.

Barbara Solow-

- Due to a lot of growth in IVC (Interactive Video Conference) there have been some phone issues. There is now a new extension to call. Instead of Calling Sarah King or Dorothy Davis, you will now call **936-435-8212**. **Someone will answer the phone.** This is for am and pm classes.
- Morning classes drop in at 7:15 am. Please let us know who to call if there are any problems.
- Please email Barbara Solow at bsolow@esc6.net with everyone's contact information.
- Please brief everyone on how to connect and troubleshoot. Everyone needs to show staff how to work equipment and who to call (936-435-8212) if there are any issues.
- TETN is comprised of 20 service centers. ANYTHING broadcasted from TETN CAN NOT be recorded. It is against the Law. You must be registered to view TETN's. Only intended audiences can view these.
- New bridge-Polycom RMX-MGC 100 is wearing slowly. It takes one full T1 to run HD. Internet2 (I2) capabilities on TETN network. I2 is a closed network.
- Start learning to use these new camera's more. Newer model camera's help with bandwidth and noise reduction. There are software upgrades to these cameras which will help in improving connectivity and video quality as well. It's time to upgrade your cameras--call Barbara if you need assistance. Remember...ESC6 does not maintain district cameras but will help show you how if you need it.

Group discussion: VoIP-which vendors to use and not to use.

Goodrich-3comm, seems to be working good

Sealy-Cisco (INX as vendor)

Magnolia-Cisco (Micro Integration)

North Zulch-Nortel (Windstream)-have had no problems

New Caney-3comm(Telephonic)

Trinity-Asricks(Open Source)

Anderson-Shiro-does not have it but plans on getting it and going with Cisco or Nortel.

Robert Wyatt-

- Has been approached by Datacove from Tangent-
Anyone who wants to be a part of this trial please send an email to Robert at rw Wyatt@esc6.net. In your email please verify who can get into the system and your districts retention policies so districts are in compliance within the district. Robert will go over the system. He is working on getting attachments fixed. Robert has not priced the system since it is a trial run at the moment.
- If you have First Class or Exchange we will have to work on this some but Robert is willing to do so. Districts working with this right now include; Latexo, lola, Groveton, Crockett and Lovelady.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am

Next Meeting: March 6, 2009; 10-12; Session 78214.