

Technology Leaders Meeting  
Friday, March 6, 2009  
10:00 am

Present: Jeff Herriman, John Rice, Kent Bowman, Lori Aden, Cindy Lucas, Kirk Spruiell, Kent Bowman, Dennis Kirkland, Nancy Oliver, Robert Wyatt, Chris Rodriguez, Kip Robins, Kimberly Taylor

Present via DL: Dan Arnold, Susan Crawford, Eric Stuessel, Jesus Lujan, Josh Hymer, Ann DeBolt, Tracy Gleghorn, Pam Evans, Kyle (Cameron), David Fant, Gilmer Gaston, David DeBrock, James Dickens, Jamie (Magnolia), Kevin Terry, Emily Boswell, Carol Woehler, Jay Smith, Jack Dacus, Rhonda Scholwinski, Scott Keltner, Sandra Bailey, John Vinson, Rosa Ojeda, Ginger Jenke

Barbara welcomed everyone to the meeting and took roll call.

### **Nancy Oliver-WADA and Erate Updates**

#### Erate Update

USAC has requested additional information. If you have a request please let Nancy Oliver know and she will send you the information.

Print your contracts. They are there and ready to print. Check the date on the contracts, if the date is wrong please let Nancy know and the changes will be made.

Superintendents are the only ones that we give passwords to. The Superintendents can then decide who they give that information to.

#### WADA funds Update

The WADA funds Advisory Committee met via distance video system on February 18<sup>th</sup>. All members contributed to specifications requirements. The specifications are being finalized. The Advisory Committee will be sent the specifications for final review.

We will hold a vendor pre-bid meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

Proposals will be due to the ESC on April 30<sup>th</sup> and the Advisory Committee will meet on May 11<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

List of items included in the competitive proposals are:

Desktop PCs

Netbooks/Notebook computer

MacBooks  
IMACs  
Carts  
Switches  
Servers  
Document Cameras  
DL Video Conference Systems  
Interactive White Boards  
Projectors  
Wireless Solutions (this item will be bid separately and will require the districts' specific wireless requirements)

We have 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.

Advisory Committee - 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

Rosa Ojeda (Sealy) asked how much money they would receive. Nancy Oliver responded that it will be between \$60 and \$70 thousand but that she does not have the exact amount at this time.

Josh Hymer (Bremond) question DIR and bids. If they are a member of a list they can be used.

Nancy asked that if you do have a vendor please make sure you get the Company Name, the contact person, phone number and email address.

Jack Dacus (North Zulch) wanted everyone to know that professional installation and additional warranties are usually separate line items.

Nancy Oliver stated that everyone will be given all of the information they need on the product. Also, the product will be shipped to the school districts directly not from Region VI. Shipping will be included in the bids.

If anyone has any questions you can contact Nancy Oliver at 936-435-8285 or [noliver@esc6.net](mailto:noliver@esc6.net). You may also contact Barbara Solow at 936-435-8273 or [bsolow@esc6.net](mailto:bsolow@esc6.net).

### **Pam Evans-TCEA Update**

Feb 26<sup>th</sup>-Programming contest with 8 area teams. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> went to John Cooper and 2<sup>nd</sup> went to A&M. First and second place teams will be going to state in Tyler on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

There will be no robotics contest in our area this year.

TCEA Convention will be in Austin next year on February 8-12<sup>th</sup>. There is a link online for registration.

### **Barbara Solow:**

May 11<sup>th</sup> will be our Technology Leaders face to face meeting at Region VI. Barbara plans on having a Keynote speaker, breakout sessions and lunch.

Huntsville ISD will be doing a session. CISCO Academy will also be available (there will be a training in June for CISCO training, if interested please contact Barbara Solow).

If anyone has an idea for the face to face meeting please let Barbara Solow know as soon as possible. Also let Barbara know if you would like to continue sessions after lunch.

### **Lori Aden-Content Services**

There were 11 districts available to view "Cat and the Hat"

Reminder: Check your system with Barbara Solow.

Barbara Bush Reading is up in the air right now. When Lori finds out more information she will let everyone know.

Let Lori know what some things are you would like to view.

Huntsville ISD did a video conference for kids who didn't have to take the TAKS test. If this is something you might be interested in for your districts contact Lori at 936-435-8263 or [laden@esc6.net](mailto:laden@esc6.net).

### **Barbara Solow-IVC Services**

You must upgrade your maintenance to upgrade you equipment.

## **DISTRICT DISCUSSION-EMAIL ARCHIVING AND THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH IT**

Cindy Lucas (Splendora)-purchased Arch Mail 6 months ago. The startup cost was around \$17,000. It will archive up to seven years and works with active directory. Emails cannot be hid.

Rosa Ojeda (Sealy)-ask where it was written that districts had to archive email.

John Rice (Iola)-mentioned that in a court case if a school district is asked to provide these documents and can't it doesn't look good for the school or the district.

Jack Dacus (North Zulch)-is going to send his information to Barbara showing where it states that this is a Federal Law not state law.

Everyone decided that this would be a good topic for discussion at the May 11<sup>th</sup> Face to Face Meeting.

### **Robert Wyatt-CommNet**

Emails went out regarding the new IP address change.

65.69 subnet will be turned off at the end of the March.

65#'s going away. If we do not host your DNS, you will need to make the necessary changes. I have sent out notices of the new IP addresses to all of the Tech Directors. Network will be down closer to March 31<sup>st</sup> for us to make the final changes needed for the IP conversion to be complete.

Spam Filter- Our current Spam Filter Contract is with Proof point and the support is not good. Iron Port has been put in place as a Demo and has been working much better with better support. The Proofpoint Contract is up toward the end of May. Information will be sent to vendors this month as a RFP's. A decision on who is awarded the contract will be made before the end of April.

Email Archiving Demo-This will affect no one unless you want to be part of the Demo. Individual archive policies can't be set at this time. If anyone is interested in this DEMO contact Robert Wyatt at 936-435-8276 or [rw Wyatt@esc6.net](mailto:rw Wyatt@esc6.net)

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am

Next Meeting will be held on Friday, April 3, 2009 at 10:00 am. Session ID is 78216.