



LACATech Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2003

Roll Call

The LACATech meeting was called to order at 8:40am on January 8, 2003. The following members were present: Michelle Berry (Heath), Lesa McGarity (Licking Heights), Larry Smith (North Fork), Phillip Theobald (Tri-Valley), Kevin Snyder (West Muskingum), Shawn Wharton (Johnstown), and Sandra Mercer (LACA). Jeff Cameron (Southwest Licking) arrived at 8:43, Sondra Wilson (Newark) arrived at 8:57am, and Denny Souder (Granville) arrived at 9:01am. Others attending included Chad Carson (LACA), Jon Bowers(LACA), Jill Merry (St. Francis), and Barry Haley (Licking Valley).

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

03-013 It was moved by Larry Smith and seconded by Michelle Berry to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2003 meeting. A vote of approval was taken.

Introduction of New Members

Phillip Theobald, the new Technology Coordinator from Tri-Valley, was introduced to the group.

SchoolNet Update

Carol VanDeest was not present for this meeting. Please contact Carol VanDeest at vandeest@osn.state.oh.us with any questions about Schoolnet. Dave Calloway is still working on a plan for disposal of old computer equipment. If a central location could be picked, the Elkton Correctional Institution would pick up the equipment. Costs would be the shipping from the central site to Elkton.

E-Rate Update

03-014 It was moved by Lesa McGarity and seconded by Kevin Snyder to approve the *Network Priorities for the 2003-2004 School Year* document. A vote of approval was taken. It was requested that LACA pull only the Junior and Senior child counts and apply for that amount of Gaggenet accounts, rather than the 15,000 we had originally applied for. LACA will determine if it is reasonable to file for E-rate at the cost provided, based upon the quotes we received. This would be around 1-2 dollars per student. Erate windows were extended to February 6, so LACA moved our deadline to January 16 for the Fiber proposal. Costs will be shared with the group when we receive them. A study is being conducted to provide fiber connectivity from the state to each DA-Site. LACA will stay abreast of this study and present information to the group as we find it out. LACA will conduct a 471 mini workshop, with a tentative date of January 20. Please contact LACA with availability for the week of January 20th.. The FCC has ruled that consortia cannot own equipment, which is why LACA did not file for equipment or maintenance for 2003. This is one more push for LACA to file as a service provider instead of a consortium.

WAN Updates

An update on the status of the SPAM filtering project was presented. Statistics of how many messages per day are being blocked were shared. Other DA-Sites are connected into the database being created by LACA to stop spam for their member districts as well.

An update on the Network Restructure Project was presented. Currently, only internal changes to LACA's network are being performed. Future plans are to move servers providing services to LACA end users into a DMZ (De-Miliarized Zone), which is a special interface on the firewall that will firewall LACA's servers from the districts, as well as the public Internet. A statewide evaluation is currently happening to find a replacement for the Webmail product we currently use. Infinite Systems is discontinuing support for this product. LACA hopes to have a new webmail

system in place before the start of the next school year, but this is dependent upon how timely the reviews get completed and a product is chosen.

Other Discussion

IVDL Update - IVDL round 2 grant ends on January 16th. Jon is trying to collect the letters sent to the IVDL coordinators. Jon wants to do the grant paperwork for each district, and needs permission to print out expenditure reports from your district to do the paperwork. This needs to be done by January 30th. VTEL has found more bugs in the patch, so LACA does not have it yet. There is no estimate on when the corrected patch will be available. Just a reminder – DON'T BUY MAINTENANCE ON VTEL MACHINES. LACA provides maintenance already. IVDL lead teacher evaluations – need lead teacher's home address and SSN to get funding rolling.

K-12 Project

Andy Kemmer has trained 280 teachers in 9 days. LACA will be meeting with other DA-Sites who also use ProgressBook to collaborate on the project. There have been two enhancement rollouts since the training, based on suggestions that came out during the training. A listserv has been set up for ProgressBook users : progress_book@laca.org. A roles survey has been defined so non-teachers can make use of ProgressBook. ProgressBook currently works like MOLE for grade entry, but will eventually calculate nine/six weeks grades. Teachers will NOT need to use MOLE if they track their grades in ProgressBook. The ProgressBook Parent Module is almost in place... there are just a few security concerns that need to be addressed.

ATPSOS – There will be an Elections Dinner on February 3rd (First day of the SchoolNet conference)

Unfinished Business

MRK Security audit information will be presented at a later LACATech meeting. LACA has not conducted the follow-up meeting with MRK yet.

New Business

The next LACATech meeting date will be March 5, 2003, at 8:30am.

03-014 It was moved by Kevin Snyder and seconded by Jeff Cameron to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am. A vote of approval was taken.